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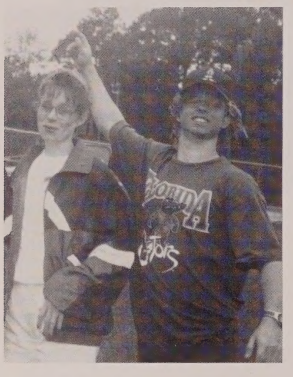
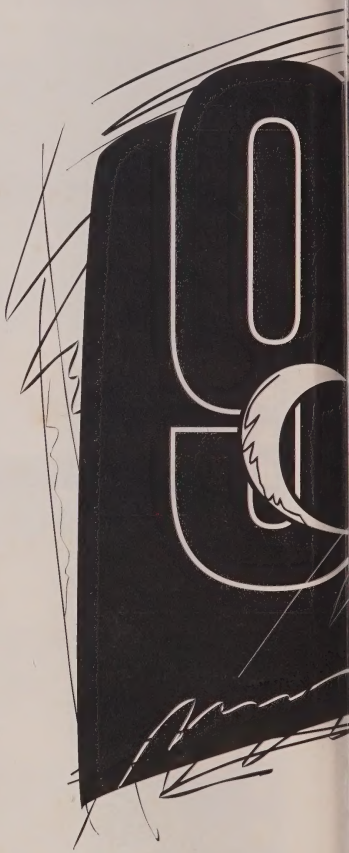
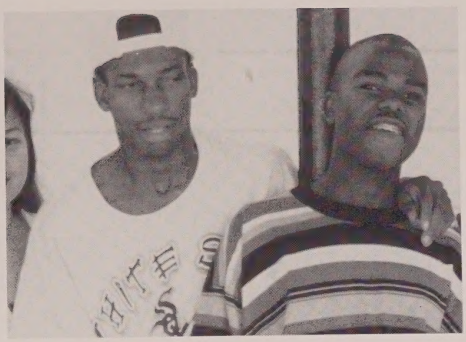
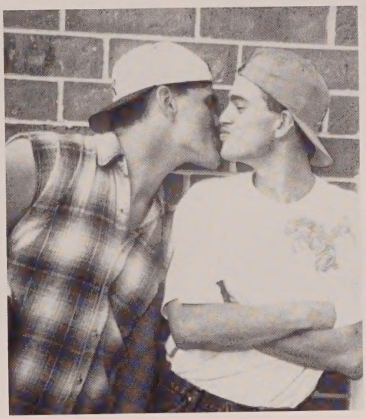




Laughing crowds, marching bands, active teams of athletic young men and women, old friends, new acquantances, loyal teammates, dedicated students, teachers, sweethearts, and strangers: Vernon High School is many things to many people but it is all this and more when "All's Said And Done!"

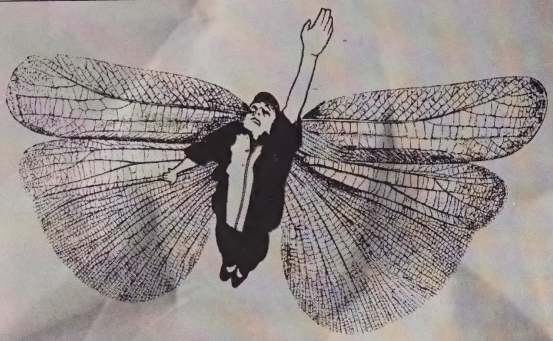
# ALL SAID AND DONE

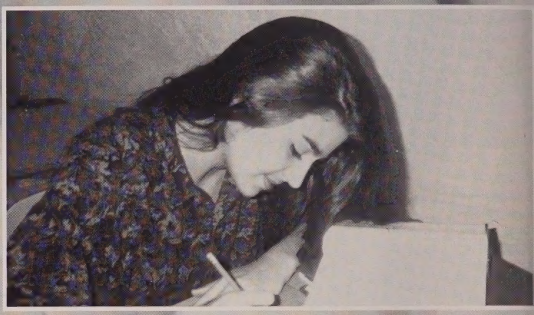


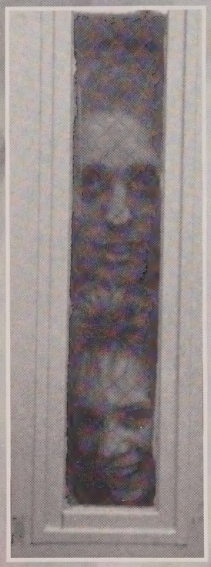


Opposite page, left to right, top to bottom: Richey and Larry sure know how to have fun. A group of girls stop to pose for the camera. Tasha and Wesley show that they're not camera-shy. Amanda reveals her ever-so-famous hidden talent. Raina takes a short break from all the stress. Who's the guy, Stacey?! This page, left to right, top to bottom: Joan gives her Miss America wave during the homecoming parade. Joe and Andre are chillin'. Christy must be dreaming about Carlos. Craig and Joel show their true colors. Mr. Riley's expression alone is enough to calm the excited crowd. VHS students welcome a centipede at the homecoming pep rally.

# Student Life





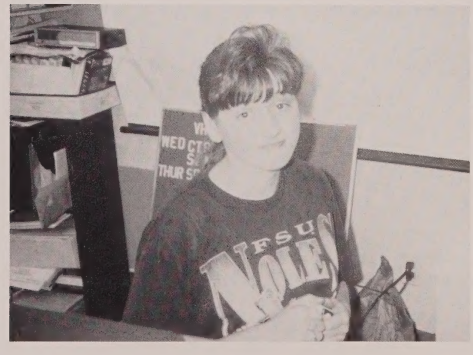


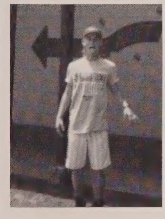
Student Life: the only part of this whole book that really lets you see how you were in those days of old. Well, in this issue of the *Jacket Buzz* we're going to go beyond school life and focus on you! You will find things that are shocking, surprising, and scary and even some revealing situations you wouldn't expect.

What a great year it was at Vernon High School. This year the classes were even a little fun.

As seen here to the right, not everyone was that normal. These students got sent back to elementary school for Halloween. And below Chris Strayhand is caught red handed without a hall pass. Below right is Mrs. Cook and some of her elite group of math students.

Right: Jeremy Sapp and Kevin Grossmith are caught playing on Mrs. Lloyd's computer during lunch. Below: Jennifer Williams is chillin' out in Mrs. Cook's room.





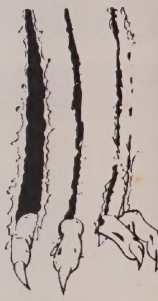
Lunch time was perfect for getting together with friends. Pictured above is a group of students enjoying the intramural basketball games that take place during the spring. To the far left, Otis Peavy strikes a pose while Becca Arnold, Deidre Nicholson, and Kristal Shelley smile for a picture to show the world how great their friendship is.

# Talking to the Hand

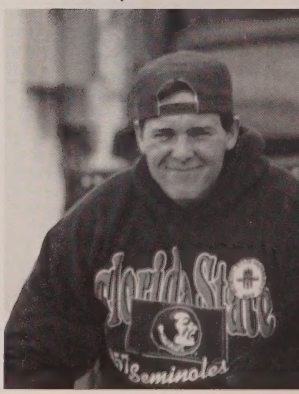
Both trying to show some attitude, Chris Wise, left, and Adam Harris, right, give us the hand, signalling for us to go and mind our own business.

On the day before Spring Break FHA sponsored a "Ghost Out." Its purpose was to make students think twice about drinking and driving. Statistics show every 23 minutes someone dies in a drug or alcohol rleated accident. To illustrate this, the Grim Reaper, Thad Enfinger (pictured right) chose a student at random every 30 minutes to "die." One of the dead, Deidre Nicholson, is pictured far right. The dead had their faces painted and were able to say nothing the rest of the day.

The day ended with an assembly where we met the "dead" and heard about the circumstances of their deaths.



Showing off is a big part of a student's everyday life at Vernon. Here are a few middle schoolers just "hanging around."




Jamie Pelfrey is know for being a big guy and here he is at Luke's showing off his stuff.

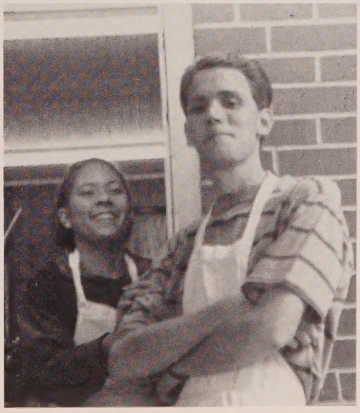
The landing on Holmes Creek at the Vernon park is famous for its rope swing, and it's the perfect spot for cooling off after those grueling baseball practices.

Far left: Waylon Wells shows off his graceful form, diving from the big oak tree at the park. Left above: James Oge looks a little less than graceful as he lets go of the rope over the ice-cold creek. Left: Joel Wells looks more like a frog than a human being as he swings out over the creek.

Simply hanging out with friends takes up a big chunk of student life and is of vital importance if one wishes to stay "informed."

Far left: Notice the relieved expressions on the faces of these sophomores after taking their final exam in English II honors. Left: Celesica Howell, Julia Pooser, and Andrea Everitt hang around, trying not to get into any mischief.

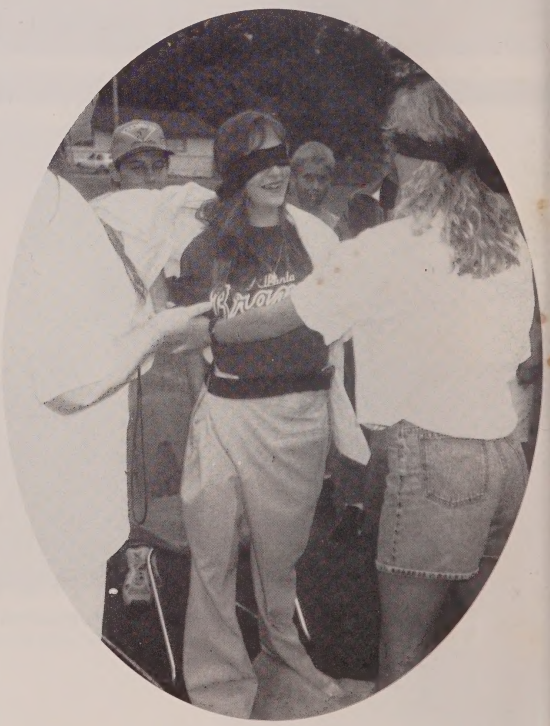
Pictured above is Miss Lloyd's geometry class showing off their geometrical skills by making kaleidoscopes.



Some students take their food very seriously and Jr. Nettles and Celesica Howell are two of them. These two don't play around when it comes to their Home Ec class.

# HOMECOMING

The 1994 Homecoming week was filled with many exciting events and activities. The students seemed to enjoy all of the dress-up days and loved participating in the silly olympics. Monday was collegiate day and all of the students showed their support for their favorite college or high school, which happened to be VHS! Tuesday was TV personality day and Wednesday was hat day, where each student had to make a hat showing their school spirit. Thursday was opposite day and we ended with orange and blue day on Friday. Many students also participated in the contests held at lunch which included the pudding eating contest, the tennis ball pass, and tug of war. The silly olympics added a lot of excitement to the otherwise overcast day with events such as the blind-folded ring toss, Vernon trivia contest, andthe scavenger hunt. The fun-filled week ended with the annual homecoming parade, jam-packed with beautiful queens and beautifully adorned floats that reflected the 1994 Homecoming theme "We won't stop 'til we reach the top!"



From left to right, top to bottom: Two junior girls , working on their float? Senior Waylon Wells participates in the silly olympics. These juniors are rocking away on their float! Eve is all smiles riding on the senior float. Are you girls having a problem getting dressed?

At left: Freshman Ashley Zurica poses as a Vernon football player on her class float. Bottom left: Two sophomores show off their first-place float. At right: Seniors Freddie Kolmetz and Adam Harris give big smiles after sweeping away the top two places in the Mr. Jacket Contest. Adam is first runner-up, and Freddie is the 1994 Mr. Jacket. Below: Mr. Jacket contestants from grades 9-12.

Below: Natasha Pettis and Larry Brasher show their spirit on Opposite Day. Below right:: Is Becca fondling a male or female student?!

# 1994 QUEEN MURIEL SAINATO

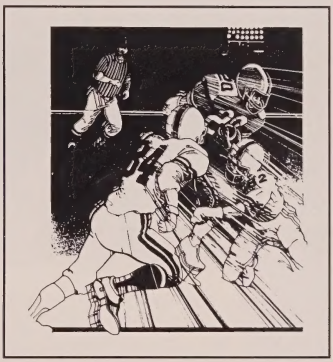
First Runner-up:
NATASHA PETTIS

Second Runner-up:
KRISTY GAINEY

The 1994 Homecoming attendants and nominees are: Heather Worthington (ninth grade attendant), Christina White, Herrika Lovett, Kristy Gainey, Muriel Sainato, Natasha Pettis, Heather Allen, Natalie Rodriguez, Shasta Brock (eleventh grade attendant), and Celesica Howell (tenth grade attendant).

# THE GAME

At left: Freddie Kolmetz is scrambling in attempt of a touchdown. Above: Jason Paridon is dragging down one of the Cottondale Hornets. Below left: Coach Alford is intensely watching the game.



Above: Senior Craig Pettis is leaping for a first down.

At left: Amy Moon enjoys cheering for her favorite team (the mighty Yellow Jackets) tonight!

At right: Richey Williams takes a short break after a hard run.

# MISS VHS
## BEAUTY PAGEANT

The eighth annual Miss Vernon High School Pageant was held in the fall of the school year. It was sponsored by the freshman class. There were three categories which included Little Miss, Jun ior Miss, and Miss. There were a total of nine Miss contestants. Ashley Kirkland was crowned Junior Miss VMS and since there were too few contestants for the Little Miss VES, last year's Miss VES Jessica Reddick continued her reign into this year. Crowned Miss VHS 1994 was Herrika Lovett (pictured at right).

Above: Junior Miss VMS, Ashley Kirkland.

At right: First runner-up, Kristy Gainey, Miss VHS, Herrika Lovett, and Second Runner-up, Joan Miller.

# MISS VERNON PAGEANT

The Miss Vernon Pageant was held on March 25, 1995. The categories were: Tiny Tot MissVernon, Little Miss Vernon, Young Miss Vernon, Teen Miss Vernon, and Miss Vernon. The Miss Vernon contestants were Robin Walsingham, Muriel Sainato, Heather Collins, Niki Anderson, and Kristy Gainey. At the culmination of the evening Niki Anderson was crowned Miss Vernon. She will be representing Vernon at the Miss National Peanut Festival Pageant.

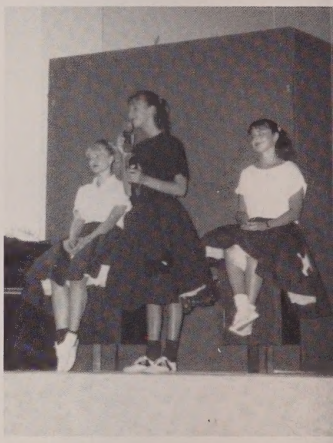
*MISS VERNON*
*NIKI ANDERSON*

Above: Teen Miss Vernon, Heather Manning and Junior Miss Vernon, Joan Miller.

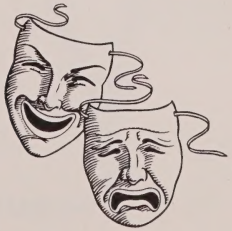
At left: Tiny Tot Miss Vernon, Cassie Coatney, Little Miss Vernon, Jessica Howell, and Young Miss Vernon, Rebekah Sapp.

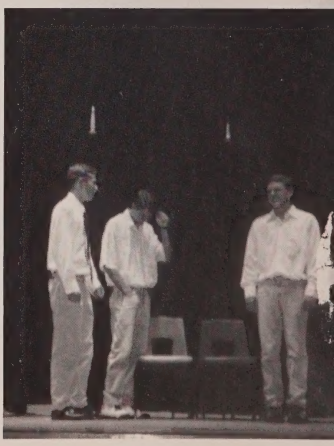
# DRAMA PLAY

The Drama class showed their annual drama play on May 12, 1995 for a packed house. The play was entitled *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, which appeared on stage in 1961 and ran for 607 consecutive performances on Broadway. The first of the great rock musicals, *Birdie* took everyone by surprise when it won the Tony Award that year. Although the play contains no direct reference to Elvis Presley, the play pokes fun at one of the most striking phenomena of the '50's- the emergence of a rock and roll star, and the near hysteria that swept the nation's youth when it was announced that Presley would be drafted.



Top to bottom, left to right: What does Tony Simmons (Conrad Birdie) do that makes the girls love him? Thad Enfinger (Mr. MacAfee) is showing off one of his many ridiculous faces. He was quite a ham during the play! Kristie Taylor never stays off the phone!! Deidre Nicholson (Rose Alvarez) and Shawn Rhodes (Albert Peterson) are showing off their acting ability. Aren't these guys supposed to be singing?





# SPRING FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The Spring Festival of the Arts was also held on May 12 in conjunction with the drama play. Students with art work on display included Letisha Andrews, Dallas Anglin, Becca Arnold, Andre Brown, Willie Brown, Mandy Chambers, Tommy Danley, Gena De Rico, Hayley Dykes, Jesse Finch, Angela Folmar, Sariah Gossman, Matt Hall, Candice Kirk, Walter Mc Donald, Jeff Nunnery, James Odom, Bobbie Pilgrim, Stacy Potter, Michael Saturley, Kamela Sowers, Chris Staten, Tiffany Stoker, Brian Taylor, Jason Taylor, and Eric Watlington. Letisha, in particular, won many awards in different categories.

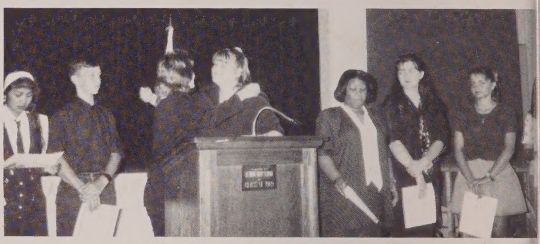
The band students provided the musical accompaniment for the drama production of *Bye,Bye Birdie* during the two school day performances and the night performance of the play.

# Spring means . . .
# BANQUET TIME

During the month of May, four awards banquets were held to honor VHS students. The Interclub Council Banquet took place on May 15 in the cafeteria. The various clubs and organizations were represented and awards were distributed. A good crowd was on hand and the meal was excellent. JROTC, Student Council, FHA, Bible Club, and Quill & Scroll were represented at the banquet.

The Athletic Banquet was held in the VHS cafeteria on Thursday, May 18. Although all athletes were recognized during the awards ceremony, seniors in particular were given special attention. Freddie Kolmetz was the recipient of the L.E. "Earl" Sellers Memorial Award, which makes the third year he has won this honor. Natasha Pettis and Freddie Kolmetz were named Mr. and Miss Yellow Jacket, while Yulanda Murray was awarded the Alexis Andrews Memorial Award.

Bible Club sponsor Mrs. Tammy Smith stands with club members Doyle Guy, Jeremy Sapp, Amy Moon, Angie Sapp, and Jr. Nettles.



Above, JROTC members march in; Student Council President, Raina Coatney, gives sponsor Mrs. Sandra Cook a hug while other members, certificates in hand, look on; at right, Lisa Blankenship, Herrika Lovett, Joan Miller, and Kattie Nickerson receive Quill & Scroll awards.

Above, Yulanda Murray displays her plaque proclaiming her to be the winner of the Alexis Andrews Memorial Award. At right, Natasha and Freddie are Mr. and Miss Yellow Jacket for 1994-95.

For three years, Freddie has been named the winner of the L.E. "Earl" Sellers Memorial Award, given by the *Washington County News*. It's a prestigious award; note the size of the trophy!

Leadership and talent rewarded:

# FFA & BAND BANQUETS

FFA vice-president Jason Rogers accepts the Chapter Leadership Award from sponsor Mr. Hiram Tison, as FFA president Jeff Riley looks on.

The annual Future Farmers of America (FFA) Banquet was held in the cafeteria on May 11. Numerous awards were bestowed upon deserving club members after the buffet supper. The teams for ag. judging, forestry judging, land judging, poultry judging, and dairy judging were recognized, and Erika Johnson, Peter Courtney, and Olen Pettis received the Greenhand Degree. Jason Rogers, FFA vice-president, was given the Chapter Leadership Award, while Heather Worthington and Jeff Riley received the Chapter Farmer Degree, which is the highest degree an FFA member can earn at the local level.

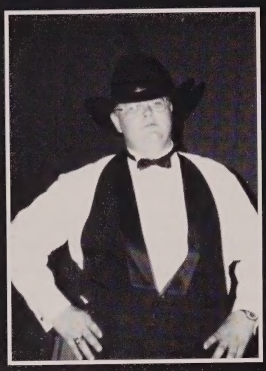
The Band Banquet took place on May 23, also in the VHS cafeteria. Among the many awards presented were awards given at the senior and junior high levels, voted on by the band students themselves. These awards went to Jennifer Evans and Samantha Cook. The award for Outstanding Color Guard Captain was given to Becca Arnold, while LaShawn Peterson received the Best Director Award. The highest honor went to Starsky Harrell, who was presented the John Philip Sousa Award.

Left, FFA members Robin W., Heather W., Jason R., and Jeff R. receive awards; Jeremy S. shows off his FFA jacket; below, Mr. Seaboch is surrounded by the many trophies won by the VHS band.

Left, Jennifer E., Becca A., Starsky H., Samantha C., and LaShawn P. display their awards; Samantha C., Becca A., David G., Jennifer E., and Starsky H. never missed a single practice or performance; above, Starsky inducts the new officers: Yolanda J., Tammie M., Bobbie Jo P., Charles P., Gary B., Angie S., and Lonnie C.

Those crazy juniors (Shaun Rhodes, Tony Simmons, Barry Harper, Lonnie Cook, Michael Saturley, and Bobby Ekstrom) are trying to "perform" the song YMCA.

Mark Pate says, "Don't mess with me, pilgrim."



Rhonda Broxton and Niki Anderson step in close for a snapshot of them while they're decked out in their finest.

Tynisha Peterson seems to have opted tomake a new fashion statement. Where are your shoes, girl?!

Several VHS students and their dates try out the dance floor. We can see why Jr. Nettles won for "best outfit."

Eve Ellis and Travis Hall congratulate Prom King and Queen Adam Harris and Muriel Sainato.

*A Night to Remember . . .*

# PROM 1995

The 1995 Junior-Senior Prom was held at the beautiful Bay Point Marriott in Panama City Beach, Florida on Saturday, May 13.

The junior class sponsored the event and paid for the evening's festivities by a number of fund-raising events held earlier in the school year.

The welcome was given by junior class president Lisa Blankenship, with senior class president Amanda Kent responding. A luscious buffet dinner was served and nearly everyone joined in the dancing.

Later in the evening, the "Prom Follies" were awarded. Voted the cutest couple were Jason Paridon and Heather Allen, with Heather also winning the category of "best hairdo." Jr. Nettles won for "most striking outfit (male)" and Yulanda Murray won the female vote. The best dancers at the prom were Joel Wells and C.J. Crowe, and Freddie Kolmetz and Natasha Pettis won the category of "most outgoing." Students also voted for the most attractive chaperones. They chose Major Kuneman and Mrs. Register.

The students voted for Adam Harris and Muriel Sainato as the prom king and queen. The garter ceremony took place toward the end of the night, with everyone drinking a toast, gathering up their souvenirs, and then leaving with their memories of this special *night to remember.*

Above, those who went stag seemed to have a great time mixing and mingling: Lisa Blankenship, Shasta Brock, Joan Miller, Reggie Worthington, and Freddie Kolmetz. At left, Tony Simmons and Andrea Everitt step out on the dance floor.

# Livin' it up in San Antone--SENIOR TRIP '95

The class of '95 traveled a long journey of approximately 840 miles to reach their destination for their senior trip in San Antonio, Texas. Thirty-three seniors left on Thursday, April 13, at noon and arrived in San Antonio early Friday morning. After getting a quick bite to eat, they took a tour of the Alamo and then went to the River Center Mall to watch a movie on the Alamo at the IMAX theater. After the movie the class took a boat ride on the river and then went to the Pear Apple County Fair (which turned out to be a kiddie park) to play video games and ride go carts. On Saturday the seniors rode many rides at Fiesta Texas and became water-logged at the water park. After many hours of exhausting fun they departed from Fiesta Texas and headed home. They arrived in Vernon on Sunday morning, May 16. This was a trip the Seniors of '95 will never forget!

Top to bottom, left to right: Seniors are posing for a group shot. Are those chaperones having fun or what? I hope none of these seniors go overboard! These girls are just slippin' and slidin'. Aren't they a little old for go-carts?

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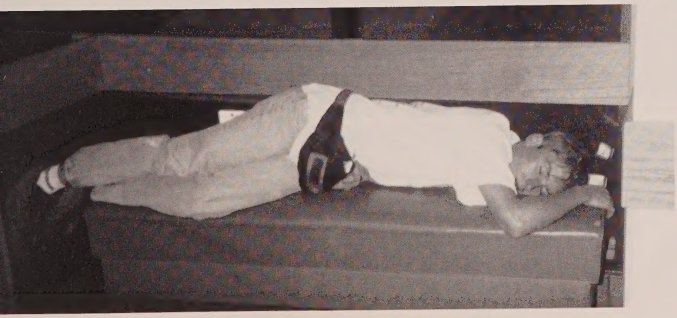
# SENIOR TRIP

Early into the trip Amanda Kent, (far left) decides to explore the lavatory. When we reached Mississippi, everybody was ready for a break. Left: Mrs. Faison, Mr. Brock, and Mrs. Sapp stand waiting for the seniors to get back on the bus.

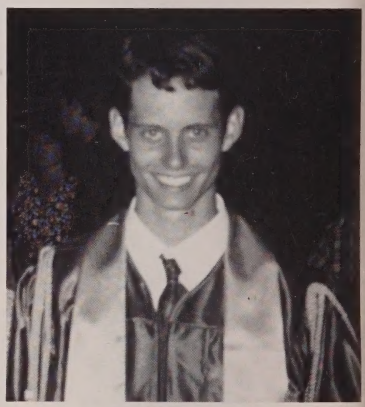


Adam Harris and Travis Hall (above) decide to take Lt. Col. William Barret Travis's challenge at the door of the Alamo. The whole group had a fun time touring the Alamo. When we left there, we saw a movie about the Alamo at the IMAX Theater which had a screen six stories high.

Dayan Broxton is caught having a ball at a McDonald's somewhere in Louisiana. Aaron Bauldree is found passed out from exhaustion in the Denny's restaurant whre they stopped to eat breakfast in San Antonio. After a long night of traveling, everyone looked pretty rough.

# GRADUATION 1995

It was a long Memorial weekend filled with excitement and sorrow as 58 seniors prepared to graduate. On Sunday, May 28 the Baccalaureate service was held inthe gymnasium at 8:00 p.m. The graduates were seated and the invocation was given by the class secretary/treasurer, Kattie Nickerson followed by a musical selection from Muriel Sainato. Mr. Riley made a few announcements and introduced the special speaker for Baccalaureate, James Earl Guy. After the address, the benediction was given by the class vice president, Natasha Pettis. On Monday, May 29 the commencement exercises were held at the football field at 8:00 p.m. The graduates eagerly awaited the moment to walk across the football field to receive their diploma. To entertain themselves before graduation started, they all began to sing the famous "Sweater Song" by Weezer which they had all grown to love. The moment had finally come andthey began their walk on the field. All went well except for a few foul ups in exactly where to stop and start. The invocation was given by Salutatorian, Starsky Harrell and "America" was led by Amanda Kent and Herrika Lovett. Everyone was seated and the senior class president, Amanda Kent, gave the welcome followed by the Valedictorion, Freddie Kolmetz, giving the graduation address. Mr. Riley then awarded the students with honors. Those receiving high honors were Aaron Bauldree, Dayan Broxton, Shannon Bushong, Raina Coatney, Christy Halderman, Starsky Harrell, Amanda Kent, Freddie Kolmetz, Herrika Lovett, Tony Mierzwa, Kattie Nickerson, Natasha Pettis and Kelly Yohn. Those receiving honors were Ryan Brock, Michele Chabanne, April Gotshall and Diedre Nicholson. The students receiving scholarships were also recognized. They were as follows: Florida Academic Scholars-Michele Chabanne, Doyle Guy, & Freddie Kolmetz. Gold Seal-Shannon Bushong, James Dugger, & Mary Peterson. Chipola Junior College Softball Scholarship-Natasha Pettis. Washington County Chamber of Commerce-Raina Coatney. Adrian Coatney Scholarship at Gulf Coast Community College-Christy Halderman. University of West Alabama at Livingston-Amanda Kent. Terry Schrimsher Memorial Scholarship-Dayan Broxton. Vernon Masonic Lodge No. 164 Scholarship-James Dugger. Washington County Ministerial Association Scholarship-Doyle Guy. Washington County Education Association Scholarship,University of West Florida Presidential Academic Scholarship, Lottie M. Dykes Memorial Scholarship, and Chappie James Teacher Scholarship-Starsky Harrell. James Russ Memorial Scholarship and Chipola Valedictorion Scholarship-Freddie Kolmetz. Superintendent Bill Williams presented the diplomas, and the Alma Mater was performed by the VHS band and led by Dayan Broxton and Muriel Sainato. The graduates turned their tassels and threw thier caps in the air. The excitement of no longer being a student in high school gripped everyone but also brought sorrow of what was being left behind.



Valedictorian Freddie Kolmetz and Salutatorian Starsky Harrell are all smiles after they receive their diplomas. The Senior Class is quietly awaiting dismissal.

Left, Doyle's father, Mr. James Guy, gets ready to speak at the Baccalaureate service. Below, Dayan Broxton poses with his mom and dad.

Far left, Natasha Pettis is surrounded by family members. Left, Shasta, Amy and Joan serve cake at the reception. Below left, Mary Peterson and Yulanda Murray pose with Mary's mother and aunt. Below, another family portrait, this time with Herrika Lovett and her parents.

Some of the students receiving scholarships are Freddie Kolmetz, Starsky Harrell, Doyle Guy, James Dugger, Amanda Kent, Christy Halderman, Raina Coatney, and Natasha Pettis.

# SENIORS OF 1995!

Left to right, top to bottom: Aaron Bauldree, Ryan Brock, Jamie Pelfrey, Raina Coatney, Shannon Bushong, Kamela Sowers, Michael Dalton, Eve Ellis, Jason Taylor, Mark Pate, Joey Tharp, Herrika Lovett, Kristy Gainey, Adam Harris, Travis Hall, Waylon Wells, Joel Wells, Christina White, Belinda Rogers, Chris Staten, Tony Cota, Starsky Harrell, April Gotshall, J.D. Kerr, Tony Mierzwa, John Hammock, Craig Pettis, Becca Arnold, Amanda Kent, Angela Anderson, Todd Young, Freddie Kolmetz, Dayan Broxton, LaShawn Peterson, Natasha Pettis, Luciana Lott, Bridgette Strayhand, Yulanda Murray, Sharnika Troublefield, Kattie Nickerson, Misty Brewer, Muriel Sainato, Mary Peterson, James Dugger, Michelle Baxley, Junior Nettles, Heather Allen, Jason Paridon, Doyle Guy, Michele Chabanne, and Christy Halderman.

Clockwise, starting above: A few of the seniors are hanging out at Luke's after school. Michele Chabanne and Becca Arnold seem to be having a good time, just clowning around. Christina White and Eve Ellis are striking a pose for the camera. Shouldn't they be on the front of a magazine? Tony Mierzwa is simply saying,"See 'ya!!"

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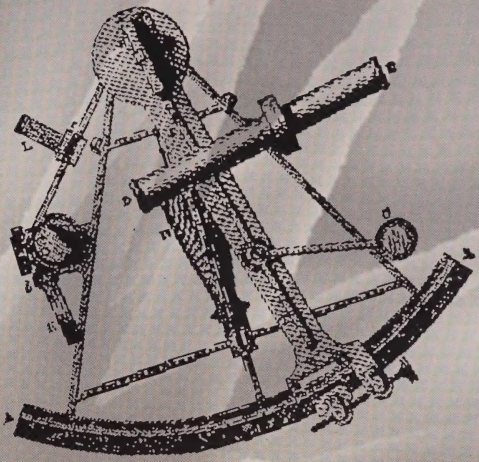

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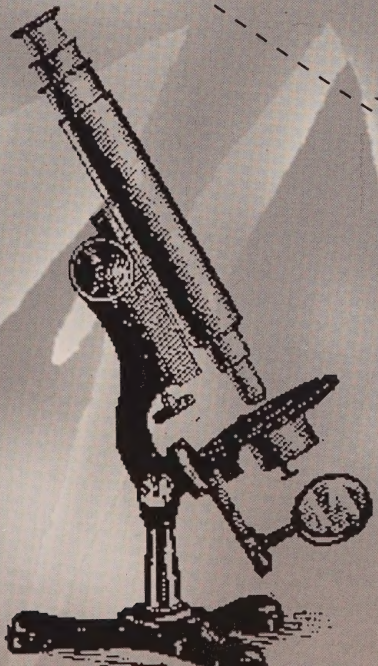
# Academics



Seniors realize that "academics" doesn't necessarily mean all work and no play

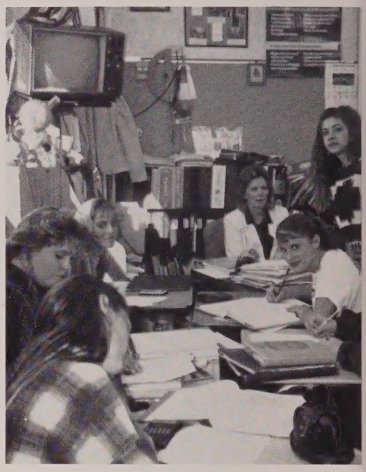
# CJC/CANTERBURY

Whether we like it or not, Academics are a major part of student life at Vernon High School. The students on these two pages tackle their academic courses head on and make the most of their time in class.

The seniors had the opportunity in the fall to travel to Marianna to explore Chipola Junior College. They were offered a guided tour of the campus and were given information about the various courses and degree options available. Afterwards, the seniors went to McDonald's for a bite of lunch and then headed back to VHS.

Seniors in Mrs. Bush's English IV classes also had a break from the tedium of classwork. After studying Chaucer's Prologue to the Canterbury Tales, the seniors dressed as one of the characters, brought food, and gave summaries of the tales. Some of the students went all out with the costumes, especially those portraying the Wife of Bath. Who can forget Amanda's portrayal of the big-hipped Wife of Bath?

Cooperative learning, or working in groups, is a big part of the curriculum at VHS. In Mrs. Cook's math class we find Mrs. Sandra Cook, Angela Borrell, Amy McDade, Kristy Gainey, Chris White, Misty Brewer, and Amanda Pleas.



Most of the senior class boarded the bus for Chipola Junior College for Senior Day. Shown above are the seniors who packed themselves on the bus. Notice who was "banished" to the back of the bus (Michael and Jamie).

At left, the fourth period English IV Canterbury pilgrims are (kneeling) Travis Hall, J.D. Kerr, Michael Dalton, (standing) John Hammock, Jamie Pelfrey, Dayan Broxton, Angela Anderson, Misty Brewer, Sharnika Troublefield, Muriel Sainato, Yulanda Murray, Mary Peterson, Deidre Nicholson, and Belinda Rogers.

Above, Mrs. Bush's third period English IV Honors students get carried away with their character portrayals. It looks as though Wife of Bath Amanda Kent plans to make Squire Freddie Kolmetz her sixth husband!

At left, the second period English IV students dressed in character for their Canterbury Feast Day. From left to right are pilgrims James Dugger, Mark Pate, Jason Taylor, Joey Tharp, Heather Norris, James Oge, Natasha Pettis, Joshua Block, Natalie Rodriguez, Antwan Brown, Becca Arnold, and Kristy Gainey.

All work and no play . . . NO WAY!!!

# ENRICHMENT

Who says school is all work and no fun? Even in the most rigid academic classes, there is still time for enrichment activities.

In Mr. Pennington's Spanish classes, pinatas are constructed and then displayed in the library. Students have made some unique pinatas in the form of tennis shoes, M & M men, and a variety of other styles.

In addition, Mr. Pennington's foreign language classes find recipes of traditional Spanish/Mexican food and feast on their concoctions at least once each school year.

In Mrs. Bush's English II Honors class, the sophomores have a Feast of Lupercal after reading the play *Julius Caesar*. They dress in togas, bring food, and are required to perform a scene from the play.

This year one group updated the story in order to portray the conspirators as a mafia-type gang. All in all, it was loads of fun.

Below: Robin Walsingham puts the finishing touches on her pinata, while John Harcus gives constructive criticism.

Above, Tamesha Hearne, Anthony Brown, Alite Jackson, and Demetria Peterson exhibit their masterpiece pinata in Mr. Pennington's room.

Right, Lynette Porter tries to figure out what to do next with her project.

Left, it's the Feast of Lupercal, as Vanessa Miyazato, Letisha Andrews, and Patrice Roberts dig into the food they brought.

Above, Tynisha Peterson constructs a pinata in Senor Pennington's class.

Left, the English II Honors class relaxes in their togas during Mrs. Bush's annual Feast of Lupercal.

At left, Danny Paul and John Harcus appear a bit dubious as to Niki Anderson's ability to piece together a pinata.

At right, Dawn tightens the chin strap of her helmet. It's amazing how she still found time for her "facial." Here's lookin' at you, kid!

Below, JROTC Color Guard members Dawn Bullivant, Jessinta Bartimus, Annie Wicker, and Jake Rutherford.

# JROTC

JROTC provides an excellent opportunity for students to explore their abilities and boundaries. The class aids in personal expansion and promotes a larger sense of responsibility for students and their actions. When it's all said and done, Vernon High School is proud to offer its students the advantage of a JROTC course.

At right, Angela Anderson stands with a medic at summer camp. After participating in the trying activities, somehow she still manages to smile! We salute you!

Sports

# VARSITY FOOTBALL

Thirty players including five seniors led this year's Varsity Yellow Jackets to a 1 and 9 record.

The coaching staff of Mac Alford, Aaron Todd, Merle Bonner, Michael Brock, and Don Brown pushed every player to strive to their best and work as hard as ever in every practice and game.

The team faced many challenges such as injuries, which slowed the Jackets down, but they worked even harder to make the best of what they had.

At every single game, the stands were filled with cheering fans. These fans also helped to boost the team's spirits when they were down.

This year's seniors were Jason Paridon, Waylon Wells, Craig Pettis, Jamie Pelfrey and Freddie Kolmetz. These students have worked hard to make their final football season a memorable one that they will always remember.

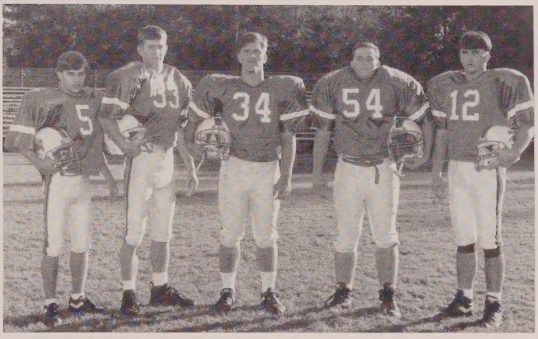
This is our last year as a 3A school . Because of decreased enrollment, next year we will be moving down to 2A. We will be competing against some different teams and possibly still some of the old ones, such as our biggest rival, Chipley. By competing with schools closer in size to our own, it is hoped that we will have a greater opportunity to win games.

With a number of this year's seasoned players returning to the field next year, Vernon High School has high expectations for the future of the VHS football program.

Above, (standing) W. Wilson, C. Hernandez, W. Wells, R. Williams, T. Hawkins, J. Finch, M. Cook, J. Pelfrey, C. Strayhand, M. Hall (kneeling) B. Ekstrom, K. Hallock, J. Paridon, C. Gainey, C. Pettis, T. Jackson, F. Kolmetz, J. Willoughby, G. Brewer, J. Owens, (sitting) R. Papryzicki,R. Smith, K. Anderson, W. Crawford, C. Suggs, C. Taylor,J. Ekstrom, W. Skipper, H. Adams, and M. Saturley.

Left: senior Freddie Kolmetz runs the ball in for extra yards.

Below: Senior football team members Jason Paridon,Waylon Wells, Craig Pettis, Jamie Pelfrey, and Freddie Kolmetz.



Above: senior football players and cheerleaders at the Homecoming pep rally.

Far left: Injured player Waylon Wells sits while Coach Brock checks on his hurt shoulder.

Left: #12 Freddie Kolmetz is given only a short break during a home football game.

Below: Katresa Roberts bunts the ball.

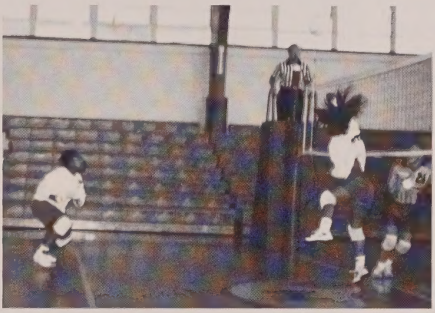
Right-Amanda Pettis prepares to spike on the Chipley Tigers.

The 1994 Varsity Volleyball players are (left to right) Mary Peterson, Susan Rash, Amanda Kent, Yulanda Murray, Natalie Haddock, Natasha Pettis, Risha Everitt, Jessinta Bartimus, and Katresa Roberts; kneeling is Coach Kim Register.

# VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Jackets have had an outstanding season this year due to the hard work of the players. They practiced hard and played many games throughout the season. Although they had some hard defeats, the Lady Jackets continued to work harder for each game. These girls improved their skills a great deal throughtout the season.

They also became closer friends off the court and this helped them work better together during the game. These girls may not have won district or state, but they proved to everyone, even themselves, that they could play ball!



Top left-Letisha Andrews has been a very important asset to the volleyball team this year as the manager.

Top right-Mary Peterson assists Amanda Pettis as she spikes the ball.

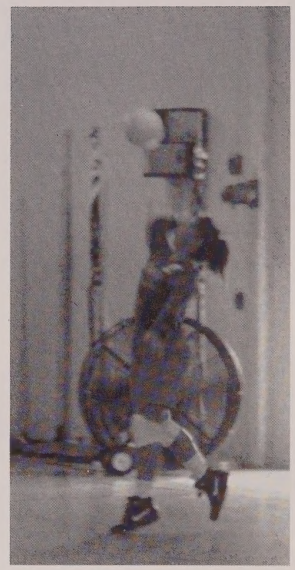
Center left-The Lady Jackets look on as Mary Peterson spikes the ball over the net.

Above-Natasha Pettis and Amanda Kent are anticipating where the ball may go.

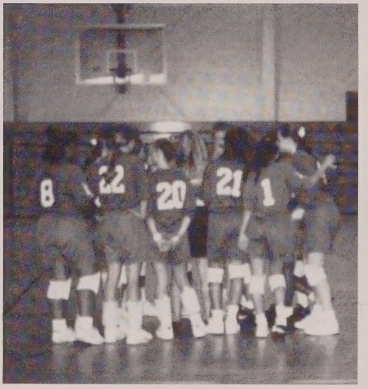
Left-The senior girls leading the team through an exciting season are (left to right) Amanda Kent, Yulanda Murray, Natasha Pettis, and Mary Peterson.

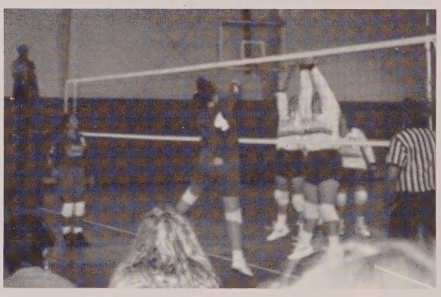
# B-TEAM V-BALL

This year's junior varsity volleyball team has acquired a lot of new faces. They have had to work very hard this year. The team did an exceptional job working together to achieve a winning season. The returning players helped a great deal in getting the new players prepared for the upcoming season. They also received a lot of advice from the head coach, Kim Register.



Right-Ashley Zurica prepares to serve a winning point. Far right-Julia Pooser seems to be taking a break in the middle of a set.

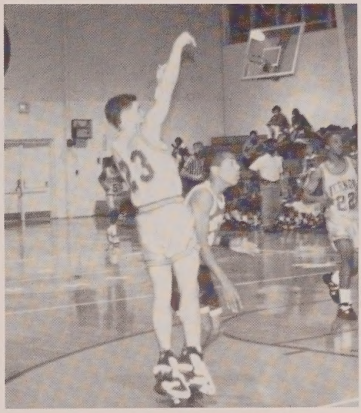




Above-The team takes a time out to discuss their strategy; Sabrina Baxley spikes the ball over the opposing team. Pictured to the right (left to right) top-Coach Kim Register, Patrice Roberts, Andrea Everitt, Julia Pooser, Tynisha Peterson. Bottom-Candi Simms, Ashley Zurica, Comanesa Peterson, Kendra Terrell.

# BOYS' B-TEAM BASKET-BALL

The boys' b-team basketball team has had an outstanding season this year. They have worked very hard throughout the season and showed us that we better look out for them next year.



Pictured from top to bottom, left to right: Devon Lee shoots the ball for an additional two points.

Juadon Smith goes in for the score.

Jeff Nunery shows us the proper way to shoot the ball.

Rory Peterson makes an attempt to steal the ball from the Bethlehem Wildcats.

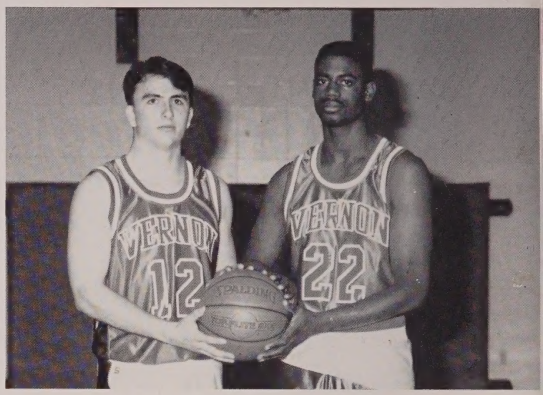
Left, the players of this year's team (standing) Devon Lee, Juadon Smith, Will Smith, Tremaine Jackson, Rory Peterson, Coach Don Brown, (kneeling) Brent Potter, Kenny Anderson, Kenny Terrell, Jeff Nunery, and Jamaal Brown.

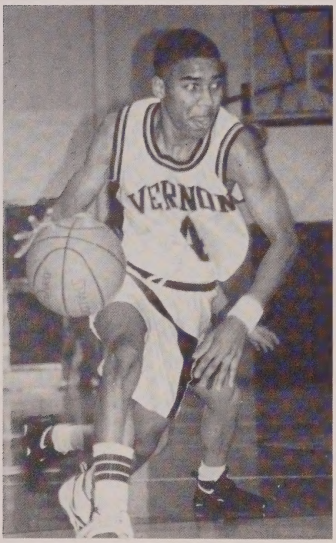
# Boys' Varsity Basketball

The 1995 Jackets finished the season with an 18-12 record, the best record in the past ten years. Highlighting the season was a big Tip-off Classic Championship; clean sweep of Cottondale, Pensacola Catholic, Poplar Springs and Bonifay; and a big District Tournament Championship defeating the Chipley Tigers 88-83 and a Sub-Region Championship over Freeport 80-65.

Wadzeeh Jackson, one of the best players in the state (26 PPG) and promising sophomore Anthony Brown (18 PPG) led the offense. Reggie Worthington provided the 3-point excitement with a school record 70 3-pointers. Freddie Kolmetz provided the leadership with his attitude, commitment and hard work. Dayan Broxton was our "big man" in the middle. Reserves were always ready to make their contribution. This was truly an outstanding group of young men!

Immediately below-Freddie Kolmetz and Dayan Broxton, seniors, contributed a great deal with their experience and leadership. Below the seniors-Dayan puts it in for two points.



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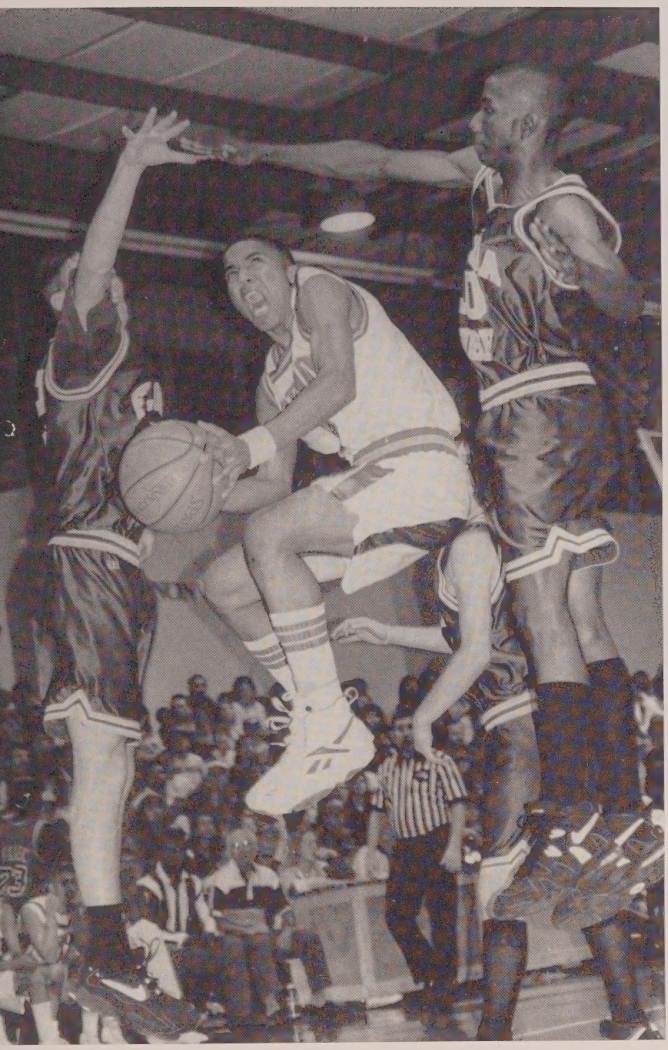
Above-Wadzeeh Jackson dribbles the ball past the opposing team. Right-The 1995 Jacket team (Top) Freddie Kolmetz, Dayan Broxton, John Finch, Anthony Brown, Andre Brown and Coach Aaron Todd, (bottom) Wadzeeh Jackson, Elvis Brown, Thad Enfingeer, Lonnie Cook and Reggie Worthington.



Photos of Wadzeeh, Anthony and District Championship are courtesy of Scott Baxter, Washington County News.

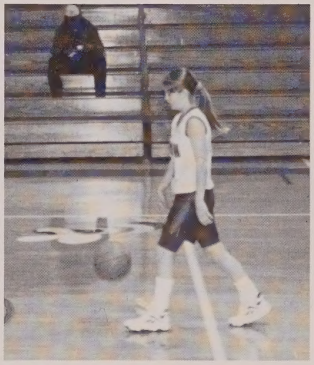
Clockwse from top left-Wadzeeh Jackson gets around the other team to score for two; Freddie Kolmetz dribbles the ball as he goes for the goal; Anthony Brown gets past a Freeport Bulldog for two points; The Basketball team and Cheerleaders show their excitement of winning the District Championship over the Chipley Tigers.

# Girls' Varsity Basketball

The Girls' Varsity Basketball team had a tough, yet exciting '94-'95 year. With Natasha Pettis as leading scorer, the Lady Jackets ended the basketball season with one win against Bay High and two against Poplar Springs. With all the girls devoting their time to practices and games, this was a fun and memorable season for the players and their coach, Merle Bonner.

Far right: Natasha bursts through Bonifay's defense to score a lay up for two points.

Right: Susan Rash is bringing the ball back up to the goal.



Lisa Blankenship shoots a free throw for the Jackets against Bonifay during a tight game.

Left: Jessinta Bartimus throws the ball in against our biggest rival, the Chipley Tigers.

Below: The Lady Jackets' two senior members, Natasha Pettis and Bridgett Strayhand.

Center: Natasha shoots a three-pointer over a Bonifay opponent.

Left: The 94-95 Lady Jackets' Basketball team: kneeling- Jessinta Bartimus, Tammie Morris, Tracy Edwards, Bridgette Strayhand, April Jenkins, Susan Rash. Standing- Lisa Blankenship, Amanda Pettis, Natasha Pettis, Mandy Chambers, Clarissa Medina, and Coach Merle Bonner.

# GIRLS' B-TEAM BASKETBALL

With very talented girls, this year's girls' b-team basketball players had an 8-16 season. Coach Erika Dotson's persuasive coaching style and the good attitude of the players themselves created an atmosphere of comradarie and willingness to win.

Below: Haley Dykes shoots a free throw while Celesica, Andrea, Marla, and Jennifer stand ready to rebound if necessary.

Above: Keiomi and other b-team players scramble for the ball after a rebound.

B-team players are (standing) Coach Erika Dotson, Tonya Johns, Alite Jackson, Quatika Brown, Andrea Everitt, Robin Matney, Marla Harrell, Haley Dykes, (kneeling) Alicia Jackson, Kendra Terrell, Yulanda Johns, Mindy Williams, Keiomi McDonald, Celesica Howell, Samantha Watkins, and Jennifer Rodriguez.

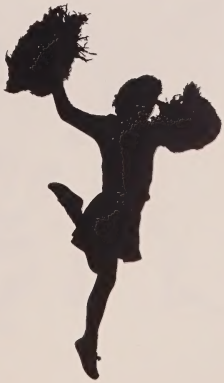
# B-team Cheerleaders

This year has really been a challenge. The B-team squad consisted of three Sophomores and three Freshmen. Even though they were a young squad, they had a lot of talent and enthusiasm. They overcame a lot of difficulties, for example a six member squad, to show us that they were just as good as any squad around. They worked very hard to get where they did and had an enjoyable season. They proved to us that they could do anything even if they did have a small squad. Great job, girls!

Top-The cheerleaders show us one of their cheers during a game. Far left-Charity, Marie, Keomi and Aimee seem to be having fun in the Homecoming parade. Left-Mrs. Tyre has been a great sponsor throughout this year.

# Go Jackets!

The 1994-95 Cheerleaders have done a good job supporting our Jackets and keeping everybody into the game. Pictured (left to right)top-Aimee Reupke, Rebecca Lovett and Heather Worthington. Bottom-Keiomi McDonald, Marie Boyce and Charity White.



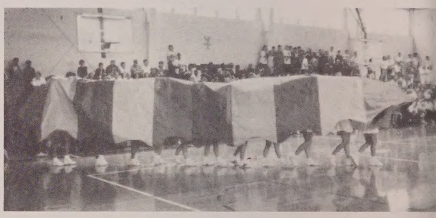
# Varsity Cheerleaders

The Varsity Cheerleaders had an excellent squad this year. They all enjoyed working together, which was an important key to a successful squad. They went through a lot of work to put everything together, but they always managed to cheer the Jackets on and get the crowd into the game.

The Varsity Cheerleaders (top) -Karen Gilley, Joan Miller, Herrika Lovett, Muriel Sainato, Tynisha Peterson; (bottom) April Jenkins, Amanda Kent, Kristy Gainey, Raina Coatney (mascot), Kattie Nickerson, Kristie Taylor, and Amy Moon.

Right-Amy Moon seems to be caught in the middle of a cheer. Far right-The Varsity Cheerleaders are showing us their spirit during the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Right-April, Amanda, Kattie and Muriel are taking a break from doing cheers; the cheerleaders form their Centipede skit for the Homecoming pep rally. Below right, the Seniors have done a great job getting everyone peppedup and into the game: (top to bottom) Amanda K., Herrika L., Muriel S., Kattie N., Kristy G. and Raina C. (mascot).



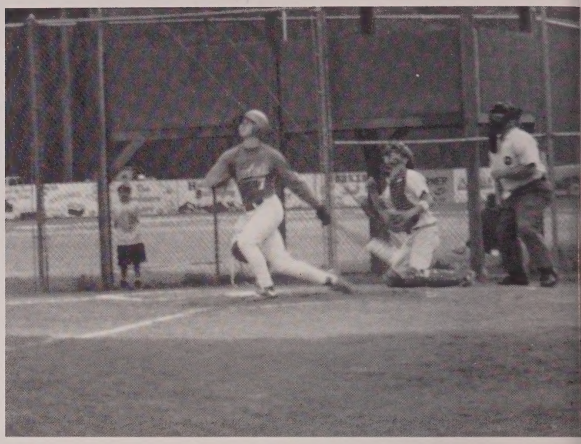
# B-team Baseball

This year's B-team baseball squad has had a good season. The up and coming team displayed their developing talent by achieving an impressive 5-3 record. We anticipate a great season next year from this group of players.

Top-Anthony Brown winds up for the pitch. Far left-Jonathan Willoughby takes some batting practice. Left-Coach Brown has been an outstanding coach and an asset to the Jacket s' athletics program.

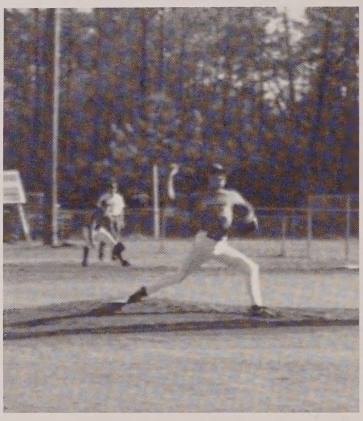
Left to right-(Top) Rory Peterson, Anthony Brown, Michael Brock, Tremaine Jackson, Jeremy Pelfrey, Jonathan Willoughby and Gabriel Brewer; (kneeling) Waylon Skipper, Charles Suggs, Ronnie Smith, Kenny Andrews, Chad Gainey, Gene Boyett and Josh Griggs.

# Varsity Baseball

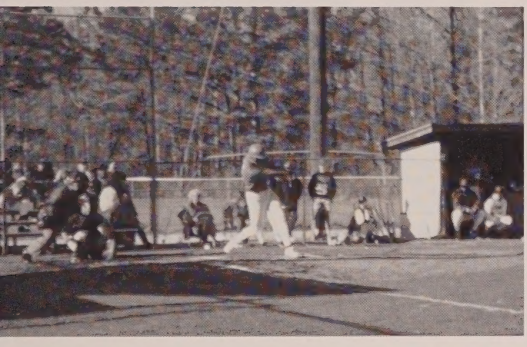


This year's baseball team has really worked hard to perfect their playing techniques. Although they fell slightly short of their mark with a 4-11 record, their sportsmanship and enthusiasm came shining through. Coach Alford once again exhibited his outstanding coaching abilities and brilliantly led the Jackets through the season. The absence of the eight Senior players will be poignantly felt in the ensuing season.

Top right-Matt Hall sends a pop fly down first. Right-Richey Williams burns one in. Far right-Freddie Kolmetz for the catch.



Left to right, standing, Michael Saturley, John Owens, Waylon Wells, Joey Tharp, Matt Hall, Larry Brasher, Richey Williams, Brian Taylor; kneeling, Freddie Kolmetz, Will Crawford, Reggie Worthington, Joel Wells, J.D. Kerr, James Oge and Jason Paridon.



Clockwise starting from top left-Coach Alford brings Michael Saturley to third. Reggie Worthington contemplates the next pitch. Jackets get an out at second. Brian Taylor receives a catch during practice. The senior players at a game(left to right) Joel Wells, Brian Taylor,Waylon Wells, Jason Paridon, James Oge and Freddie Kolmetz. Joey Tharp gets a hit and it's going, it's going, it's gone!

# LADY JACKETS' SOFTBALL TEAM

The VHS girls' softball team had another excellent season. This was the second year they played fast-pitch, with one of the area's stand-out pitchers, Natasha Pettis, being offered scholarships to two area junior colleges at the end of the season.

Coached by Mrs. Kim Register, the Lady Jackets' record was 13-5 for the season. The girls fell to longtime rival Chipley Tigers (a team they had beaten in the regular season) in the District tournament, dashing their hopes for a chance at the state playoffs. Overall, however, the coach and players were pleased with their winning season, one of the best ever, and hope that they'll do just as well next year with a number of players returning with this season's experience under their belts.

At the athletic awards banquet in the spring, three players in particular were honored. Senior Natasha Pettis received "best defensive player" recognition, while sister Amanda, a junior, won "best offensive player." Sophomore Susan Rash earned the "hustler award."

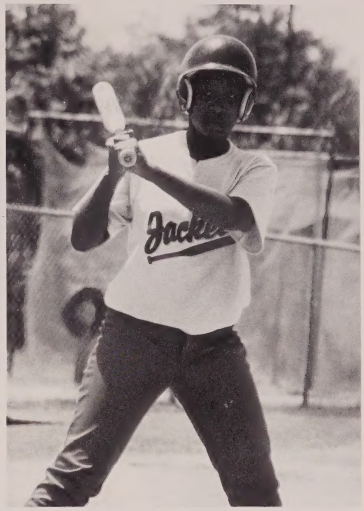
At right, pitcher Natasha Pettis concentrates on throwing a strike that the opponent will never be able to hit.

Amanda Pettis jumps back from a ball thrown low and inside.

Lady Jackets Ashley Zurica, Natalie Rodriguez, and Amanda Pettis prepare for three quick outs.

Coaches Kim Register and Merle Bonner give the team some last-minute instructions and strategies.

Senior Yulanda Murray is determined to get a base hit.



Far left, Karen Gilley gets the out at second and turns to make the double play.

Members of the JV and Varsity squads gather for an informal photo. Pictured are Kristal Shelley, Alisha Walters, Mindy Cook, Tammie Morris, Karen Gilley, Ashley Zurica, Natalie Haddock, Hayley Dykes, Leah Buswell, Amanda Pettis, Susan Rash, Mandy Chambers, and Natalie Rodriguez.

Left, everyone gathers around to celebrate not only someone's birthday, but also another victory.

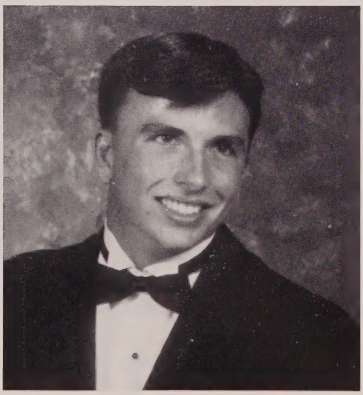
Left, varsity team members are (from front to back) Susan Rash, Coach Register, Tynisha Peterson, Ashley Zurica, Leah Buswell, Natalie Haddock (manager), Karen Gilley, Amanda Pettis, Natasha Pettis, Muriel Sainato, Mandy Chambers, Hayley Dykes, and Natalie Rodriguez.

Above, three of the seniors on the team: Natasha, Natalie, and Muriel.

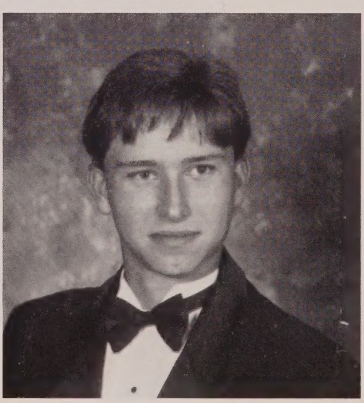
# BOYS' AND GIRLS' TRACK TEAMS

Boys' track team: Bottom row- John Lively, Will Smith, Freddie Kolmetz, Roman Papryzcki. Top row-Michael Saturley, Bobby Ekstrom, Tony Mierzwa, and Chris Strayhand.

Girls' track team: Standing- Alite Jackson, Aimee Repkue, and April Jenkins. Kneeling- Keiomi McDonald, and senior Bridgette Strayhand.



Senior Freddie Kolmetz



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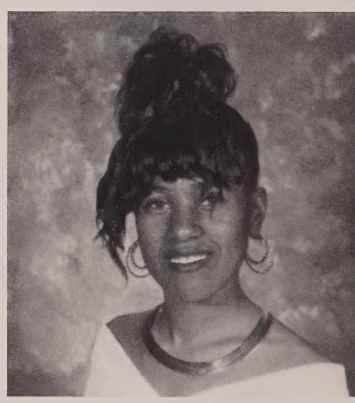
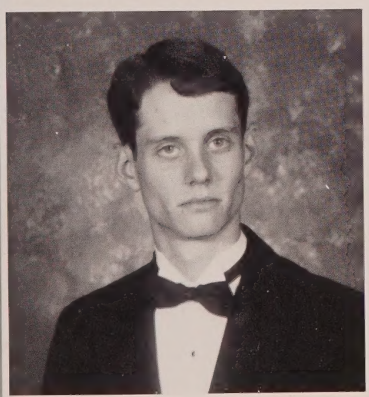


Senior Bridgette Strayhand

Freddie Kolmetz, one of the senior members of the track team, finishes in first place, far ahead of the competition, as Coach Charles Brown (on the right) clocks Freddie's time.

Aimee Reupke races around the track with no opponents even close.

Lonnie Cook and Starsky Harrell take a breather between events at the track meet in Chipley.



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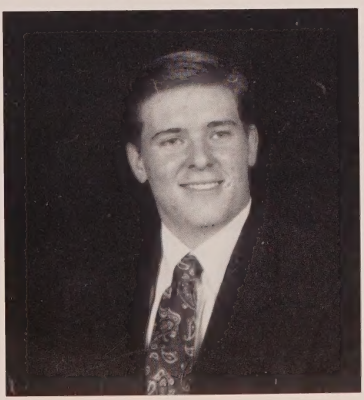

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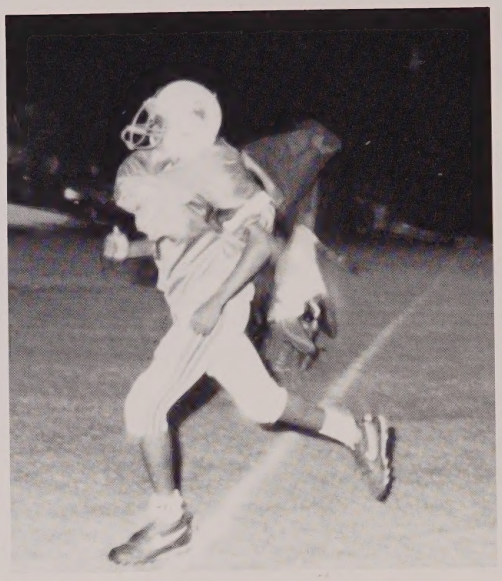
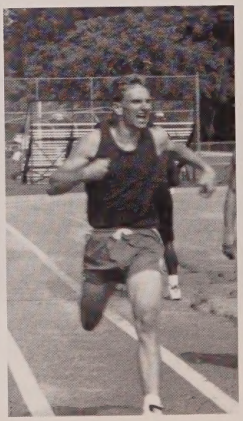
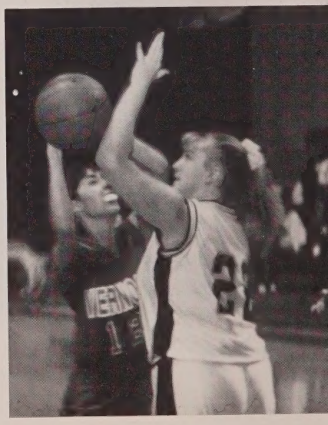






# Organizations

# The Key Club's 1st Year:A Big Success!!

The Key Club was one of the three new organizations here at Vernon High. The idea was created and brought about by the club's sponsor Jerry Tyre. The Key Club is a service oriented establishment with ties to the local Kiwanas Club that charters each school's chapter. The new club seemed to be a big hit with the students and will probably continue to grow throughout the years to come.

The Beta Club is now in its fourth year here at Vernon and is a very large organization. With Mrs. Sabra Shores as sponsor, the club travels to different meetings around the area, competing in a variety of events including spelling bees and Beta Bowl tournaments. This year Beta Club created a house at Trick or Treat Street, helped when Santa came to town and got involved with any and all happenings associated with the Interclub Council. Go Beta!!

PICTURED ABOVE ARE A PORTION OF THE KEY CLUB MEMBERS. From left to right:top row-N. Pettis, H. Lovett, R. Walsingham, Rachel Walsingham, A.McDade, A.Pettis. Middle-L. Blankenship, J. Miller,H.Dykes, F. Kolmetz, T. Simmons, C. Shelley, M. Tharpe.Bottom-R.Lovett,C.Brande,S.Harrell,N. Anderson,C.White, D. Broxton, S. Hard, J.Riley, A. Sapp, A. Borrell, M. Carter.

BECAUSE OFTHE DISPERSEMENT OF PEOPLE, TWO PICTURES were taken. Those not pictured up top are directly above from right to left. Bottom-K.Gilley, K.Taylor, A.Kent, K.Nickerson, Middle-S.Brock, N.Haddock, J.Pooser, R.Weathers, Top-C.Medina, A.Everitt.

THIS YEAR'S KEY CLUB OFFICERS HAD A SPECIAL CHALLENGE ahead of them because of the fact that they were the first group to serve Vernon High. They are pictured above from left to right as follows: Pres.-Freddie Kolmetz; V.Pres.-Nikki Anderson; Sec.-Charity White; and Treas.-Amy McDade.

LEFT:BETA CLUB MEMBERS (l.-r.) Bottom-H.Lovett, N. Pettis, T.Peterson, K.Nickerson, V.Miyazato, S.Rash, S.Cody, J.Folmar, S.Bushong, L. Blankenship, N.Anderson, J.Miller, K.Taylor, J.Odom, B.Best, A.Watkins, A. Everitt ,J.Pooser, T.Simmons, K.Clem, R.Weathers, A.Pettis, J.Greer, K.Yohn, D.Broxton, E.Brown, M. Brown, D.Peterson, R.Coatney, A. Bauldree, F.Kolmetz, & W. Crawford. BELOW:PRES. NATASHA PETTIS shows us her more serious side.

Left: Kattie Nickerson and Joan Miller perform the ancient ceremonial Beta Club candle lighting which is a part of the candidates' initiation.

Above: The Beta Club officers for this year were from left to right: Sec/Treas-Kattie Nickerson; Pres-Natasha Pettis, and V.Pres-Herrika Lovett.

Above: New members were inducted at a ceremony at the beginning of the year. All were required to take an oath and they all received a pin and a certificate of membership.

# Future Farmers of America

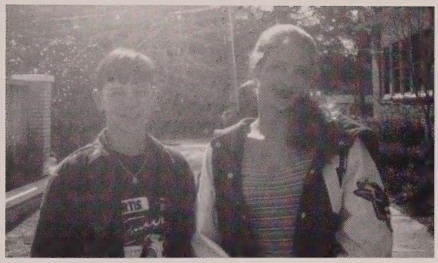
The FFA has been very active this year. They participated in their normal activities such as dairy, poultry, and land judging; prepared public, creed, and extemporaneous speaking; and livestock show. This year, they also added *Food for America* to their activity list. *Food for America* allows FFA members to go to local elementary schools and teach about where the food they eat comes from. The FFA sponsor this year was Hiram Tison.

Right: Wesley Henderson teaches a group of third graders about where their food comes from. He won first place in Prepared Public Speaking at the district level.

Below: Vernon's Parliamentary Team won the third place ribbon at the sub-district level. Team members are J. Riley, W. Henderson, J. Willoughby, L. Tison, J. Rogers, and Robin Walsingham.

FFA members (bottom) Chad Gainey, Olen Pettis, Rachel Walsingham, Ami McDade, Robin Walsingham, Natalie Haddock, Wesley Henderson, Jason Rogers, Jeff Riley, Hiram Tison--sponsor, (2nd) Shane Hard, Johnathan Willoughby, Heather Worthington, Tiffany Stoker, Josh Griggs, Chad Joyner, Eve Ellis, Mark Pate, (3rd) Jeremy Sapp, James Dugger, Waylon Yates, Chad Taylor, Jeremy Hallock, Tray Hawkins, Brandon Brown, Richey Williams, (top) Brian Taylor, Larry Brasher, and Jason Cates.

FFA Officers are (front) Jeff Riley--President, Jason Rogers--Vice-President, Heather Worthington--Secretary, Natalie Haddock--Treasurer, (back) Jeremy Sapp--Parliamentarian, Wesley Henderson--Sentinel, and Robin Walsingham--Reporter.



Above: FCA officers this year are President--Muriel Sainato and Secretary/Treasurer--Jeremy Sapp.

# Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is one of the three newest clubs on campus. With the inspired speaking of FSU's Nose Guard, Clarence Williams, the first meeting was a success and much interest and participation was shown on the part of the students.

FCA is a non-denominational religious club for athletes on campus. The sponsors were Mr. Jerry Tyre and Mrs. Kim Register.

Left: FCA members are (bottom) Natalie Haddock, Tynisha Peterson, (second row) Charity White, Muriel Sainato, Rebecca Lovett, Andrea Everitt, Karen Gilley, Jared Bourkard, Tammie Morris, Jeff Ekstrom, (third row) Tonya Johns, Susan Rash, Jeremy Sapp, Celesica Howell, Julia Pooser, Reggie Worthington, Kim Register--sponsor, (fourth row) Delisha Bell, Mary Peterson, Yulanda Murray, Amy Moon, Lonnie Cook, Johnathan Willoughby, Carlos Hernandez, Jerry Tyre--sponsor, (top row) Chris Strayhand, Dayan Broxton, Freddie Kolmetz, FSU player Clarence Williams, Michael Saturley, Matt Hall, Starsky Harrell, and Ben Best.

# Quill & Scroll

Left: Quill & Scroll officers are (front) Joan Miller--Treas., Aaron Bauldree--Chair. of Communications, Lisa Blankenship--V. Pres., (back) Herrika Lovett--Sec., Kattie Nickerson--Pres., and Rachel Walsingham--Reporter.

Below: The Quill & Scroll sponsor this year is Mrs. Sally Bush.

Q & S is an International Honorary Society for high school journalists. Members must be a junior or senior and must be on the journalism staff. They must also be in the upper third of their class scholastically. Quill and Scroll helped with Trick-or-Treat Street and they publish a literary magazine.

# FHA! A BIG HIT!

FHA membership includes: L. Andrews, A. Bauldree, L. Blankenship, A. Borrell, C. Brande, R. Brock, S. Brock, E. Brown, M. Brown, Q. Brown, S. Brown, D. Broxton, C. Causey, R. Coatney, M. Dalton, M. Davidson, E. Dubose, T. Edwards, T. Enfinger, J. Everett, K. Gilley, S. Gossman, N. Haddock, T. Hudson, A. Jackson, A. Jacson, T. Jackson, A. Jenkins, T. Johns, Y. Johns, A. Kent, M. McCaskill, A. McDade, K. McDonald, C. Medina, J. Miller, A. Moon, D. Nicholson, K. Nickerson, R. Paprzycki, C. Peterson, D. Peterson, T. Peterson, T. Peterson, A. Pettis, A. Pleas, L. Potter, V. Potter, L. Reed, K. Roberts, P. Roberts, K. Shelley, T. Simmons, V. Siples, B. Strayhand, B. Taylor, C. Taylor, K. Taylor, L. Walker, R. Walsingham, R. Walsingham, J. Wilson, W. Yates.

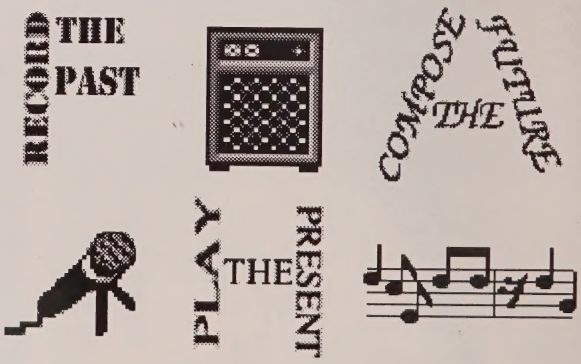
FHA officers, from left to right:: Pres.-J. Miller; Vice Pres. of recreation-K. Gilley; Vice Pres. of projects-S.Brock; Secretary-R. Walsingham; Treasurer- K. Nickerson and Historian-A. McDade.

FHA is without a doubt the biggest club association here at Vernon High. With a total membership of about 70 people, FHA is involved in most of the activities in the area. When asked why FHA was liked so much, students replied by saying, "'Cause you get to do lots of cool stuff that other clubs don't offer!"

Above: Joan Miller (pres.) shows her real choice of attire at a Haloween party for the 1st graders.

Below: Halloween does wierd things to wierd people. Nice costume Shasta. Or *is* it a costume?

**The FHA/HERO Association celebrated its fiftieth anniversary this year. The theme for the year was to be a part of all that was happening by *Recording the Past, Playing the Present, and Composing the Future;* as you can see by the symbol to the right.**

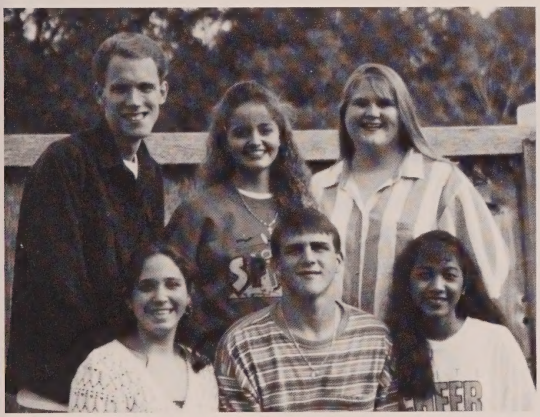


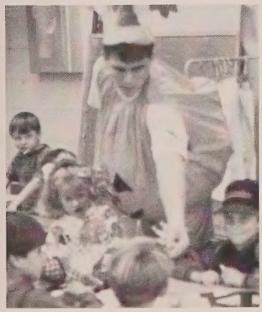
# Future Educators of America

The Future Educators of America is a very active club. Their sponsor, Ms. Debbie Lloyd keeps everything running smoothly. This year's group participated in Trick-or-Treat Street, they threw a Christmas party for Head Start, and some of the club's individual projects included: American Education week, Teacher Appreciation Week, the annual blood drive, and Easter egg hunting with the Pre-K.

FEA members are pictured above. Bottom: Herrika Lovett, Natasha Pettis, Amanda Kent, Kattie Nickerson, Michele Chabanne, Deidre Nicholson. Second row:April Gotshall, Tynisha Peterson, Lisa Blankenship, Kristie Taylor, Joan Miller, Clarissa Medina.Third row: Shannon Bushong, Natalie Haddock, Shasta Brock, Kristiel Clem, Rusty Wheathers, Jr. Nettles. Top row: Amy Watkins, Dayan Broxton, Erica Brown, Mel Brown, Demetria Peterson, Raina Coatney, Tamesha Hearne, Aaron Bauldree, Freddie Kolmetz.

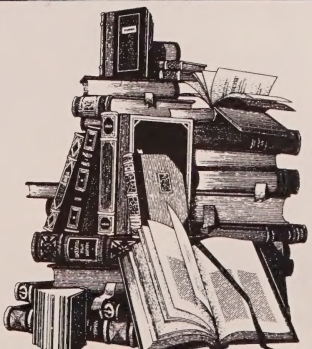
Below: FEA members Rusty Weathers and Jr. Nettles work diligently on their Fea committee projects.





Above: FEA officers include-(top) Jr. Nettles: V. Pres.; Amanda Kent: Pres.; Raina Coatney: Sec.; (bottom) Michele Chabanne: Reporter; Doyle Guy: Parliamentarian; and Kattie Nickerson: Treas.

Left: Doyle Guy keeps the sweets coming at the Halloween party FEA annually gives for the first graders. Doyle also appears throughout the year as Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny.



# Student Council

This year's Student Council has been very busy. They began the year with the well known "parking lot crisis" and quickly resolved the problem.They participated with the Interclub Council in such projects as SACS Welcoming, DARE week, and Trick-or-Treat Street. During Christmas, the council headed up the Salvation Army canned food drive and worked with the Tri-County Community Council in "Presents for Teens."The council has plans for a Easter project for needy families in the spring.

This year's Student Council members are pictured above from left to right as follows: (bottom) Amanda Pettis, April Jenkins, Susan Rash, Crystal Causey,(second row) Angela Borrell, Lisa Blankenship, Amanda Kent, Kattie Nickerson, Rebecca Lovett, Kristiel Clem, (third row) Sabrina Baxley, Natalie Haddock, Herrika Lovett, Joan Miller, Amy Moon, (fourth row) Lena Green, Michelle Baxley, Andre Brown, Shane Hard, Rusty Weathers, (top row) Dayan Broxton, Chance Lewis, Raina Coatney, Craig Pettis, Mitch McCaskill, and Alite Jackson.

This year's Student Council officers are pictured below from left to right. (Top) Pres.-Raina Coatney,V.Pres-Lisa Blankenship, Sec./Treas.-Charity White, (bottom) Parl.-Kattie Nickerson, Chaplain-Jeremy Sapp, Reporter-Rhonda Broxton.

# Future Business Leaders of America

FBLA MEMBERS THIS YEAR ARE PICTURED ABOVE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT AS FOLLOWS: Bottom: Tynisha Peterson, Mandy Davidson, Kevin Grossmith, Shannon Bushong,April Gotshall, Shameka Peterson, Mel Brown, Mary Peterson, 2nd: Lena Green, Kendra Terrell, Comanesa Peterson, Sharnika Troublefield, Dayan Broxton, Anthony Brown,3rd: Tremaine Jackson, Alite Jackson, Jennifer Everitt, Vicky Potter, Letisha Andrews, Tamika Edwards, 4th: Juadon Smith, Yulanda Murray, Alicia Jackson, Tomika Jackson, Elizabeth Prestwood, Demetria Peterson, Chance Lewis, Top:Antwan Brown, Laryy McDonald, Chris Staten, Andre Brown, Tamesha Hearne.

This year's FBLA officers were as follows from left to right:
Shannon Bushong-Vice President; Dayan Broxton-President; and Mel Brown-Sec/Treas.

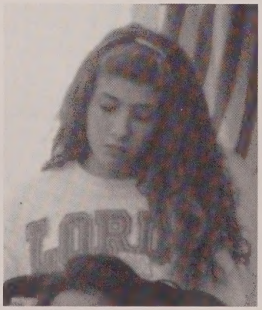
FBLA is a business oriented club. They participated in Trick-or-Treat Street here at school this year. Most of FBLA's time is spent in preparation for competition at the District level and usually at the State level also. The competitions include such categories as Accounting I and II, Entrepreneurship, Impromptu Speech, and Business Procedures. The district competition was held in February at Sneads High school. The winners at district went to the state convention further on in the spring. The meeting was held in South Florida. The club's sponsor is Bobbie Dawson.

# Journalism

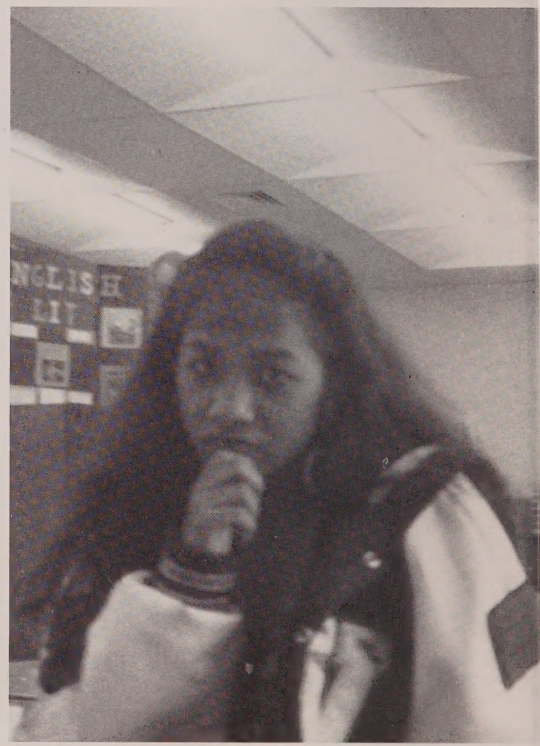
Where's your story? Have you met your deadline? Get those pictures cropped! These are familiar sounds in the Journalism classroom. The Journalism class is responsible for the publication of the yearbook and the school's newspaper. Editor-in-Chief was Herrika Lovett, Newspaper editor-Amy Watkins, and Yearbook editor was Kattie Nickerson. This year Ms. Bush was the yearbook advisor while Ms. Shores took care of all the newspaper publications.

Right: Members include from l. to r.: Vicki Bishop, Herrika Lovett, Natasha Pettis, Amanda Kent, Kelly Yohn, Amy Watkins, Kattie Nickerson, Joan Miller, Rachel Walsingham, Lisa Blankenship, Doyle Guy, and Aaron Bauldree. Not pictured is Robin Walsingham

Above: After all the hours of working together we learn to appreciate one another and some of us even love each other. Almost to death!



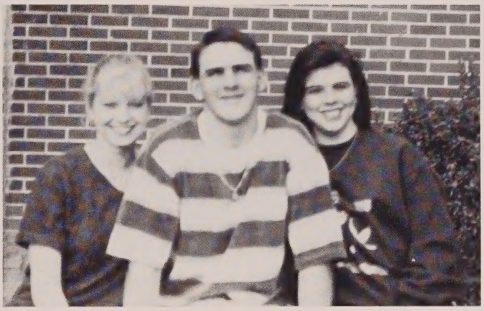
Right: As you can tell by this picture of Angela, Journalism is a class that requires much thought. About what I'm not so sure!



# Bible Club

The Bible Club is one of the three new clubs here at Vernon High. The club is open to students of all grades and denominations. The club held devotion and prayer every morning in Ms. Smith's room. Devotion was given by students who volunteered with special guest speakers from the community on Fridays. The club participated in Trick-or-Treat Street, SACS Welcoming, Drug Awareness Week, and Gifts for Teachers at Christmas time. Bible Club members appeared at every football game to lead the crowd in a pre-game prayer. Members say they have enjoyed this first year and hope that the club stays intact and grows in the years to come.

BIBLE CLUB MEMBERS INCLUDE FROM L. TO R. GOING UP: Angie Sapp, Rebecca Lovett, Amy Moon, Crystal Brande, April Jenkins, Angela Borrell, Amanda Pleas, Mellissa Tharpe, Shanna Cook, Jeff Riley, Nikki Anderson, Jeremy Sapp, Misty Burch, John Harcus, Leah Buswell, Tasha Johnson, Johnathon Willoughby, Lonnie Cook, and Doyle Guy.



BIBLE CLUB OFFICERS ARE PICTURED ABOVE.
They are from left to right: Nikki Anderson-Secretary/Treasurer; Doyle Guy-President; and Amy Moon-Vice President.

Left: Kattie says there are a lot of responsibilities as yearbook editor and a lot of thinking to do. What was the problem this time?

Above: Who is this masked man? or Woman? He is a man of a thousand faces. Jeremy Sapp?!

THIS YEAR'S BIBLE CLUB SPONSOR WAS TAMMY SMITH.

# The Pride Of Vernon

Right: The band performed in four parades this year. They were the Homecoming Parade, the Rodeo Parade, and Christmas Parades in Vernon and in Chipley.
Botttom left: This was the band's first year with a rifle team. Members included from left to right: Eve Dubose, Justin Watkins, Daniel Rosser, Jake Rutherford, and Tasha Johnson(Captain).
Bottom Right: Despite the trumpet section's small size, it was packed with talent. Trumpeteers were from left to right on top: Jackie Paprzycki, Jocelyn Green, Justin Green, and below is section leader Lashawn Peterson.

Above:Saxophones and French Horns include from left to right: Charles Pate, Bobbie Jo Pilgrim, Mellissa Tharpe, David Greer, Hayley Dykes, and Starsky Harrell.

Above: Flutes and Clarinets include from left to right-Top: Kim Owens, Samantha Cook, David Cheverie, Tammie Morris, Misty Burch, Lacy Borders, Stacey Porter. Bttm: Lori Walker, Molly Carter, Shanna Cook, and Louie Fromm.

# The Pride Marches On...

At Left: Trombones include--Yulanda Johns, Jennifer Evans, Lonnie Cook, Lynette Porter, Gary Brock. Tubas include: John Harcus and Adam Shelley.

Below Right: This is Angela Sapp's first year as Drum major for the Marching Jackets. She is a freshman this year which gives her the distinct advantage of having three more years to improve.

Below Left: The band participated in three competitions this year. The competitions included FBA, Pace, and one at Troy. They received superior ratings at all three. The band's management was a good one this year. The band is basically held together by these folks. They are pictured from left to right. Colorguard Capt--Becca Arnold, Transportation Officer--Paul Shipley, Drum Major--Angie Sapp, Band Captain--Starsky Harrell, and Rifle Capt--Tasha Johnson.

Pictured above are this year's Drum Line. From left to right they include: Mike Peterson-Bass, Paul Shipley-Section Leader and Snare, Desmond Davis-Bass and Jeremy Sapp-Bass.

This year's Colorguard include from left to right: Darcell Rosser, Cassandra Nettles, Crystal Ward, Tonya Johns, Dawn Bullivant, Jesse Buckley, Rebecca Arnold, Gena DeRico, and Heather Vickers.

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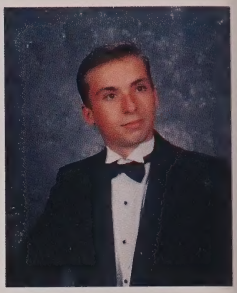
People

Heather Allen

Angela Anderson

Becca Arnold



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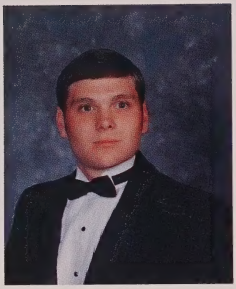

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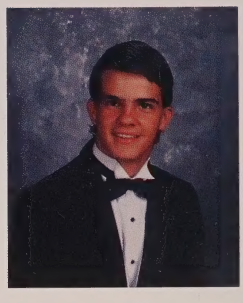

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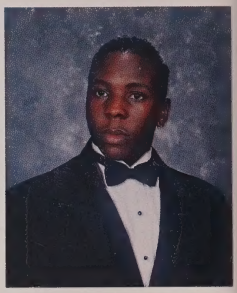

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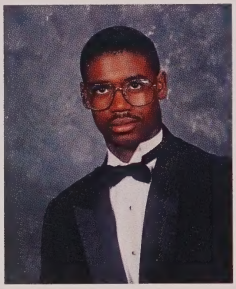
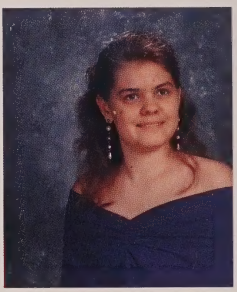


Dayan Broxton

Shannon Bushong



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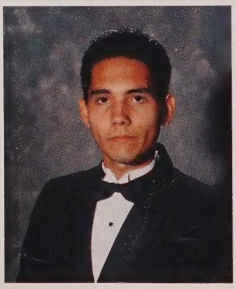

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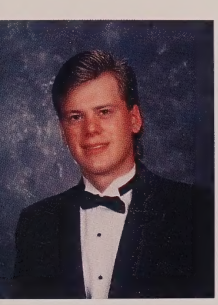

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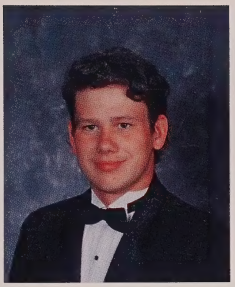

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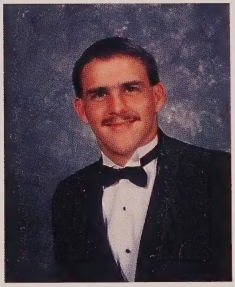

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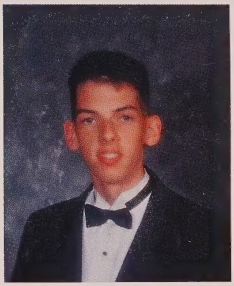

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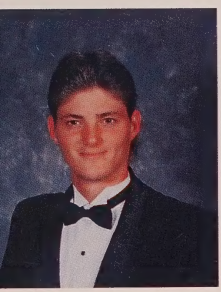

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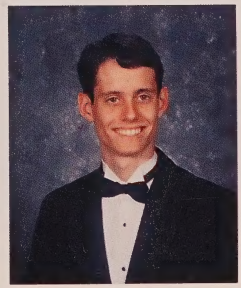

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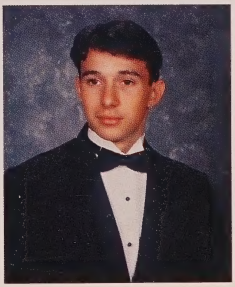

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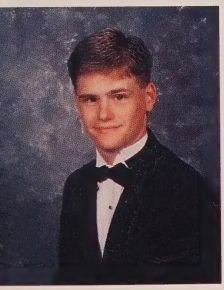

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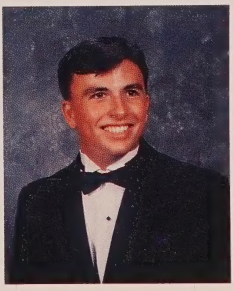


Freddie Kolmetz

Luciana Lott

Herrika Lovett

# SENIOR OFFICERS GET THE BUSINESS DONE !

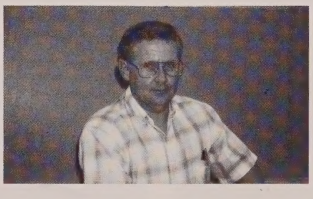
Class Motto-"Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced."
Class Song-"Don't Look Me in the Eyes" by Michael Dalton
Class Flower- Teal Tipped White Rose
Class Color- Teal and Silver

Class Officers, from left to right: President--Amanda Kent
Vice-President--Natasha Pettis; Secretary--Kattie Nickerson

Class of nineteen hundred and ninety five

## Senior Sponsors

The Senior Class of 1995 has proven over the past four years to *attempt* more fundraisers then any other class at Vernon High School. From magazine sales to the famous bow shoots, these seniors have proven that they are just not cut out to be salesmen. Although they have had some rough times over the years, they always managed to pull together and get things done. The Junior-Senior Prom turned out to be a success and seniors rocked Homecoming Week when they won the spirit stick for the second year in a row. These seniors have accomplished a lot at VHS through hard work, determination, and the guidance of their class sponsors and class officers. They may not be the best salesmen in the world, but they considered themselves the best class that has ever come through VHS!



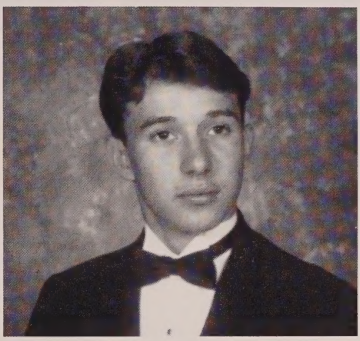
Mr. Michael Brock

Mrs. Sally Bush

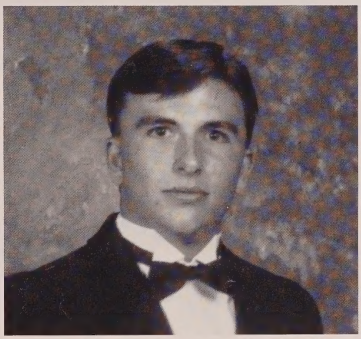
Mrs. Linda Faison

Mrs. Wanda Sapp

# Senior Beauties and Cuties

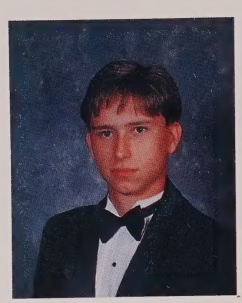


The Senior Class nominated their class beauties and cuties. Each nominee sent pictures to be judged by anonymous judges and only two from each category were chosen. The beauties and cuties chosen were Amanda Kent, Herrika Lovett, Adam Harris, and Freddie Kolmetz.



# Senior Favorites

This year's 1994-95 Senior Class Favorites were Kattie Nickerson, Muriel Sainato, Joey Tharp, and Mark Pate. All four are very popular among their peers and each represents his or her category well.



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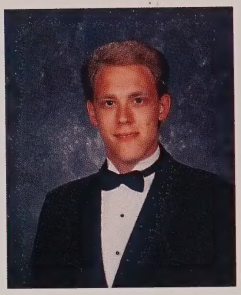
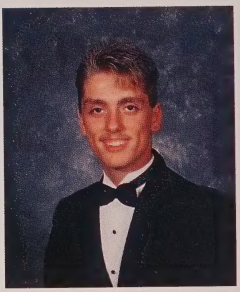


Junior Nettles

Deidre Nicholson

Kattie Nickerson

Heather Norris



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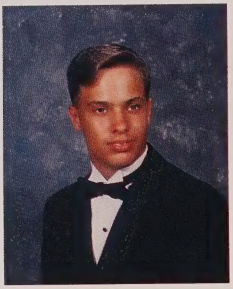

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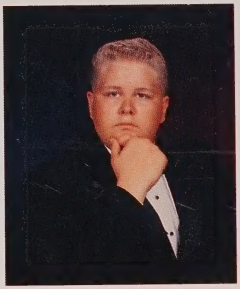

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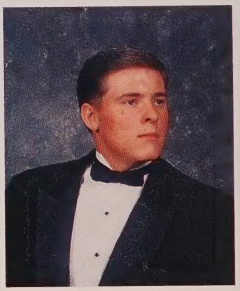

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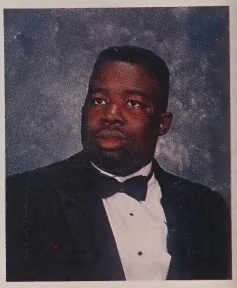

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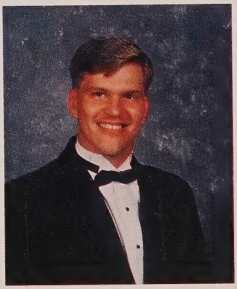

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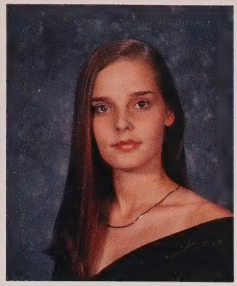
Natasha Pettis

Natalie Rodriquez

Belinda Rogers

Muriel Sainato



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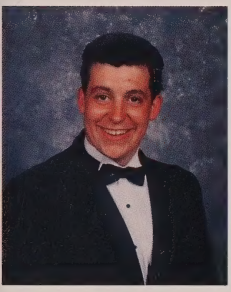

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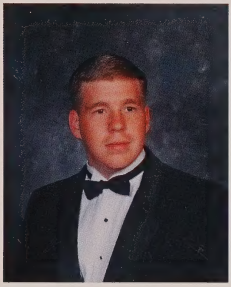

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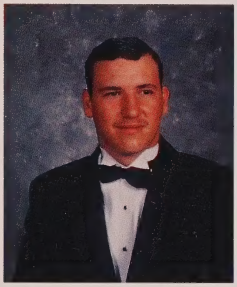

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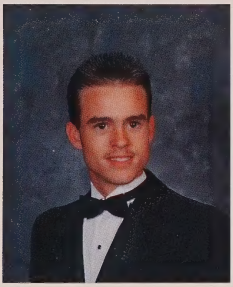
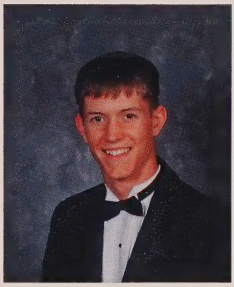
Sharnika Troublefield

Amy Watkins



Joel Wells



Waylon Wells

Christina White

Kelly Yohn

* Not pictured are Delisha Bell, Chris Staten, and Todd Young.

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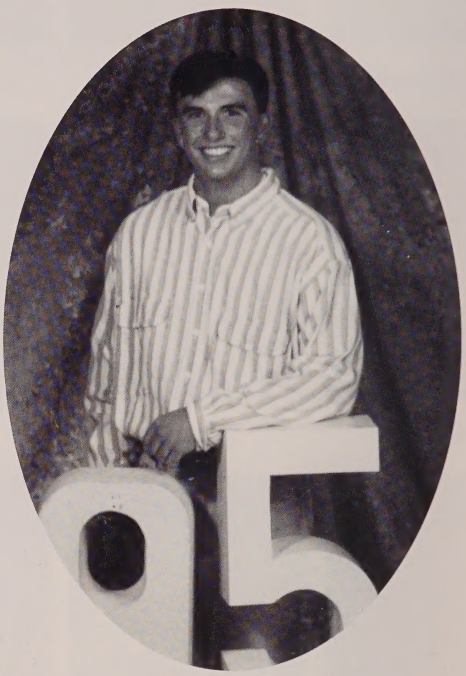
# Mr. and Miss VHS

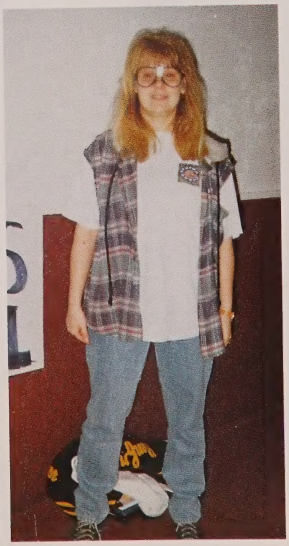
Each year the faculty of Vernon High School nominates students from the Senior Class for Mr. and Miss VHS. Nominees were: Dayan Broxton, Doyle Guy, Starsky Harrell, Freddie Kolmetz, Raina Coatney, Herrika Lovett, Kattie Nickerson, and Natasha Pettis. Grades 9-12 then voted, choosing this year's Mr. and Miss VHS: Freddie Kolmetz and Kattie Nickerson. Freddie was involved in football, basketball, baseball, track, Beta Club, FEA, and he was the president of the Key Club.



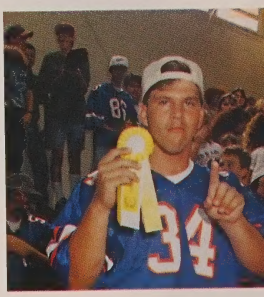
Kattie was the Senior Class Secretary/Treasurer, the Student Council Parliamentarian, FHA Treasurer, FEA Treasurer, Beta Club Secretary/Treasurer, Quill & Scroll President, and a member of the Key Club. She was also a Varsity Cheerleader. Both Freddie and Kattie showed great leadership ability, and they were very popular among their peers, the administration, and the faculty.

# VHS

# Seniors' Last Homecoming at VHS



Homecoming is one of the most fun and exciting times of the Senior year. These are a few of our memories. Top to bottom, left to right: April Gotshall is working on the Senior float; Heather Allen smiles while riding in the parade; Junior Nettles says he can't wait to graduate; Kristiel Clem shows her school spirit by dressing up; Chris White poses and says, "I'm outa here!"; Natalie Rodriguez and Craig Pettis agree with her; Raina Coatney, our Mascot, gets the pep rally going; Dayan Broxton and Michele Chabanne are dressed up for opposite day; and finally Craig Pettis says that Seniors '95 rule!



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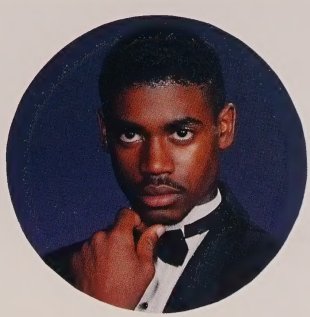

Dayan Broxton

Kattie Nickerson

Raina Coatney

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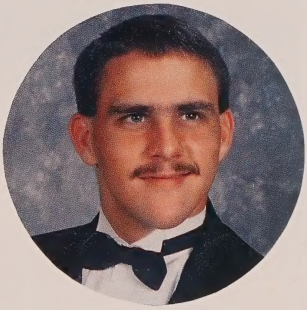


Doyle Guy

Freddie Kolmetz

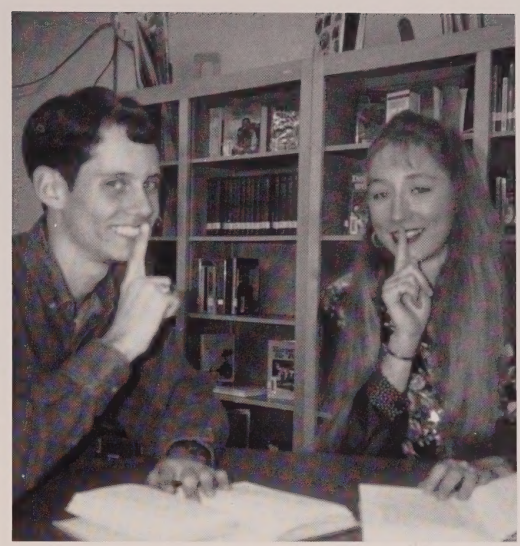
Starsky Harrell

Most Talented: Muriel Sainato and Michael Dalton

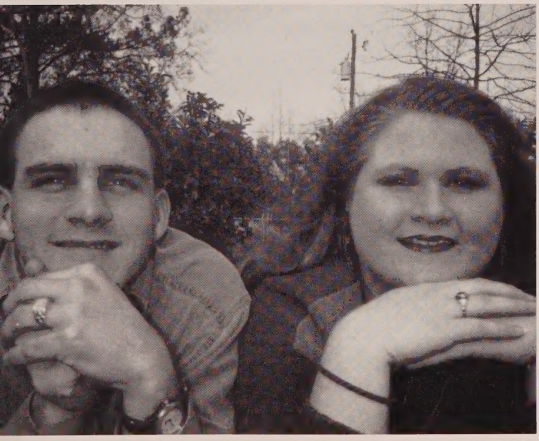
Most School Spirit:
Joey Tharp and Kattie Nickerson

Class Flirts: Waylon Wells and Kristy Gainey

Best Dressed: Adam Harris and
Amanda Kent



Quietest: Amy Watkins and
Starsky Harrell



Best Eyes: Doyle Guy and
Raina Coatney

Best All Around: Freddie Kolmetz and
Kattie Nickerson

D A R E T O B E

# different

Most Courteous:
Christina White and Doyle Guy

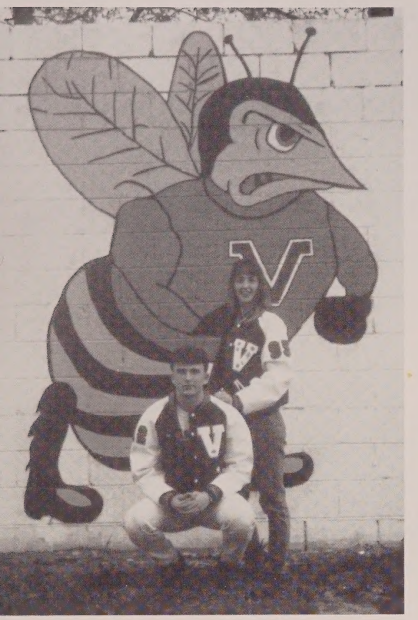
Most Attractive:
Amanda Kent and Adam Harris

Most Talkative:
Natasha Pettis and Brian Taylor

Most Gullible:
Herrika Lovett and Dayan Broxton

# TAKE A LOOK

SENIORS 1995



Most Athletic:
Natasha Pettis and
Freddie Kolmetz

Most Likely to Succeed:
Herrika Lovett and Starsky Harrell

Class Clowns:
Eve Ellis and Jamie Pelfrey

# JUNIOR CLASS

## CLASS OF 1996

The 1995 Junior class is a very spontaneous group of students. Trouble doesn't have to come find them; they are more than willing to go find trouble. The students in the junior class have a lot of fun together, but they have learned that being a junior is not always fun; there is responsibility, too.

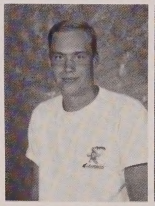
The main responsibility that the juniors have to face is getting ready for prom. They sold candy, roses, and even doughnuts throughout the year trying to raise money for a great prom.

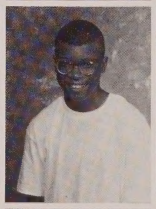
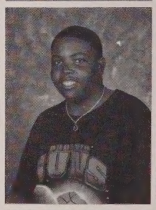
Juniors also have the responsibility of finding a job, keeping up an automobile, and of course dating. No matter what the responsibility is, one can always find junior class friends facing it together.

This year's junior class officers were (left to right) vice-president - Amanda Pettis, president - Lisa Blankenship, secretary - Karen Gilley, and treasurer - Tynisha Peterson.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Niki Anderson
Michael Austin
Jessinta Bartimus
Sabrina Baxley
Vicki Bishop
Lisa Blankenship



Crystal Brande
Jonathan Brandon
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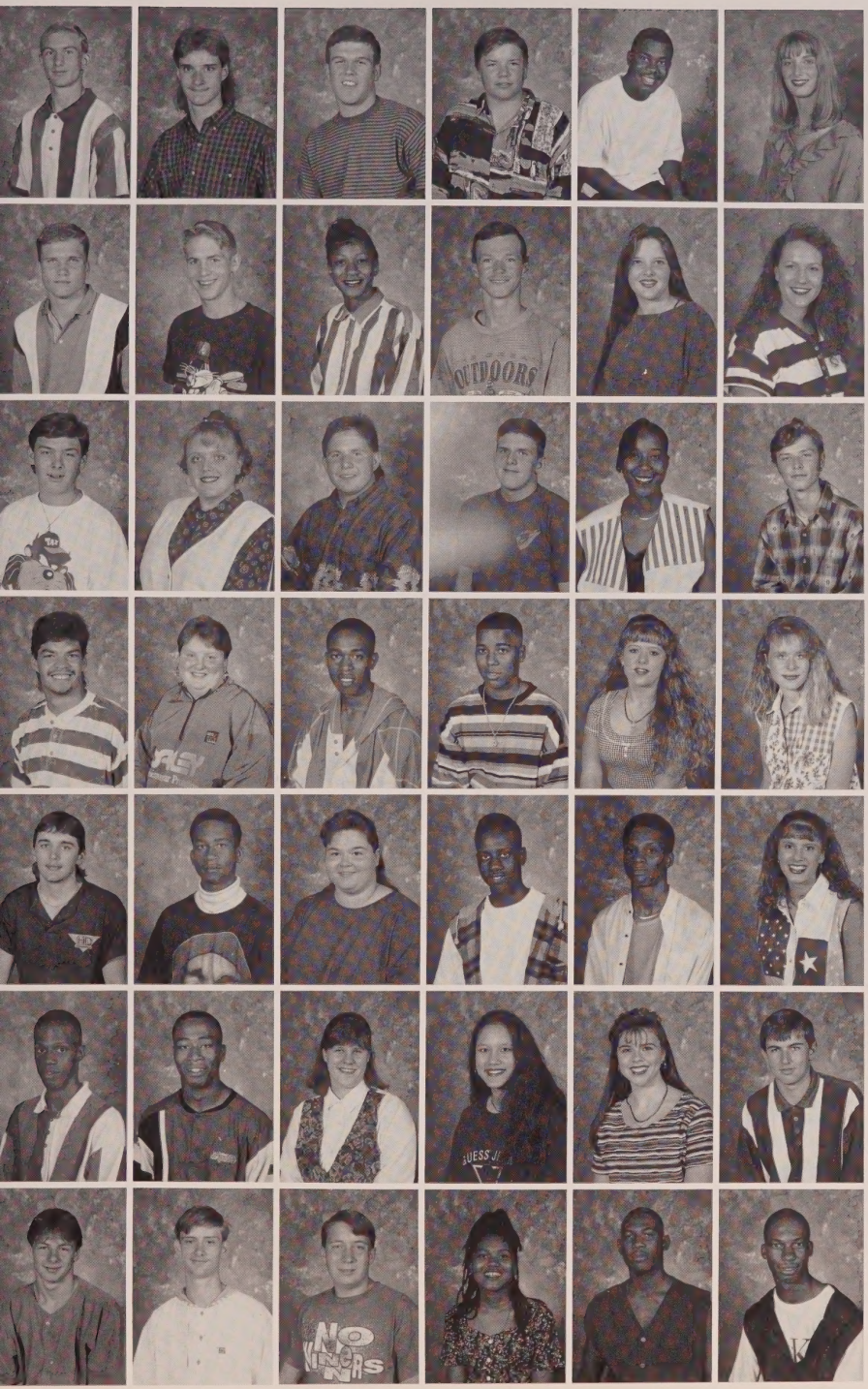
Andre Brown
Cory Brown
Erica Brown

Melisande Brown
Willie Brown
Rhonda Broxton
Mandy Chambers
Rhonda Cochran
Heather Collins



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Michael Cook
Will Crawford
Paul Curlee
Melvin Douglas
Eve Dubose

Bobby Ekstrom
Thad Enfinger
Risha Everitt
John Finch
Star Gainey
Karen Gilley

David Greer
Natalie Haddock
John Harcus
Barry Harper
Tamesha Hearne
David Hennion

Carlos Hernandez
Heather Jackson
Ronnie Jackson
Wadzeeh Jackson
April Jenkins
Natasha Kyser

Tony Lee
Chance Lewis
Marty McSwain
Marcus Martin
Mitch McCaskill
Amy McDade

Larry McDonald
Walter McDonald
Clarissa Medina
Joan Miller
Amy Moon
John Owens

Raymond Papryzicki
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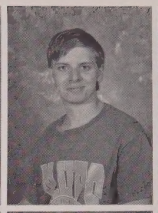

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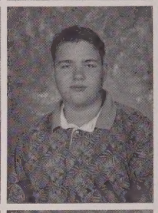
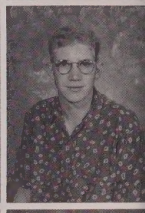

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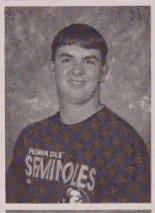
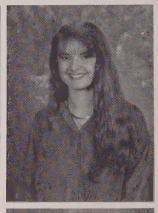




Kristy Taylor
Jason Turnage
Rachel Walsingham
Robin Walsingham
Steve Walters
Rusty Weathers

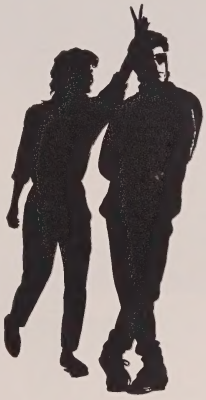
Jamie Wilson
Reggie Worthington

Not pictured: Shawn Cone, Michael Jackson, and Efrain Medina.

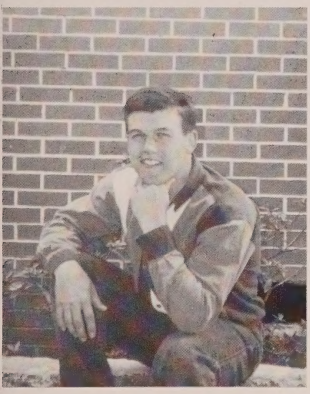
Above, Michael, Carlos, Bridgett and Clarissa during the Homecoming parade. Right, Thad, Bobby, Jamie, Raymond, and Karen ride on the float. Far right, Ami smiles for the photographer.

# Junior Class Favorites

The Junior class chose two students as favorites this year. The students are Thad Enfinger and Amanda Pettis. Thad plays varsity basketball and is a very active member of FHA. Amanda plays varsity basketball, volleyball, and softball.



# Cuties and Beauties



Will Crawford was chosen as this year's junior class cutie. Will is a member of Beta Club, plays football and baseball.

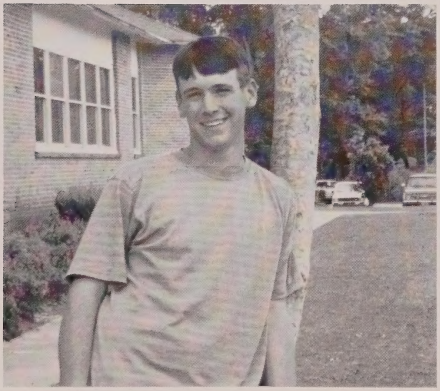
Will and Amanda represnt the junior class very well. Aren't they cute?

Amanda was chosen as this year's junior class beauty. Amanda is very popular with her peers and is very involved in school.

# Sophomore Class Beauty and Cutie

The sophomore class chose RebeccaLovett as their class beauty. She is very involved in cheerleading and is a member of Key Club, Student Council, and FCA.

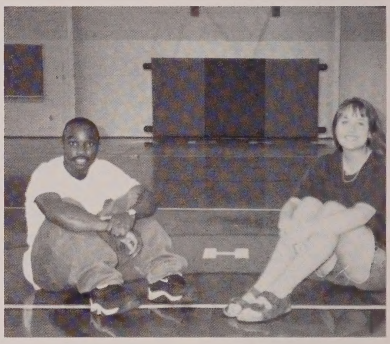
Rebecca and Joshua were excellent choices for class beauty and class cutie. They represent the sophomore class well.



Joshua Griggs was chosen as sophomore class cutie. Joshua played B-team basketball this year.

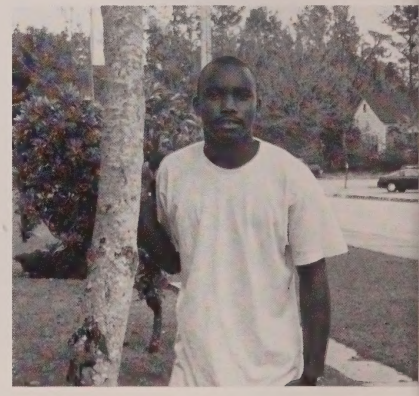
# Sophomore Class Favorites

Andrea Everitt is one of this year's class favorites. Andrea is sophomore class president and is very involved in school.

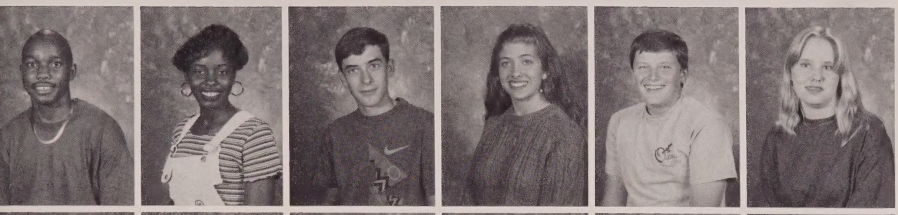


Arianne and Andrea fit their title quite well. They are both fun to be around and are very outgoing.

Arianne Andrews is this year's class favorite.



# Class of 1997



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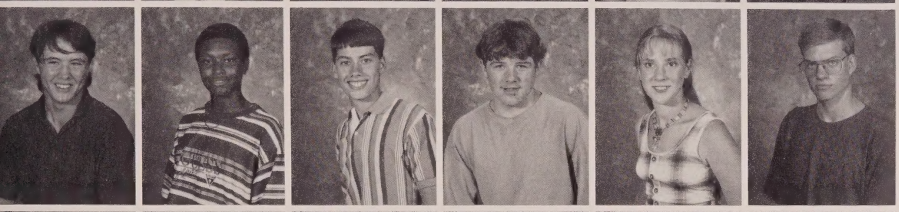
Gabriel Brewer
Paula Briggs



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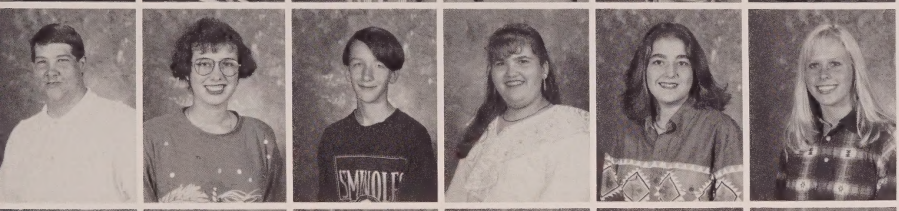
Anthony Brown
Brandon Brown
Roy Bush
Dawn Bullivant
Ben Carter



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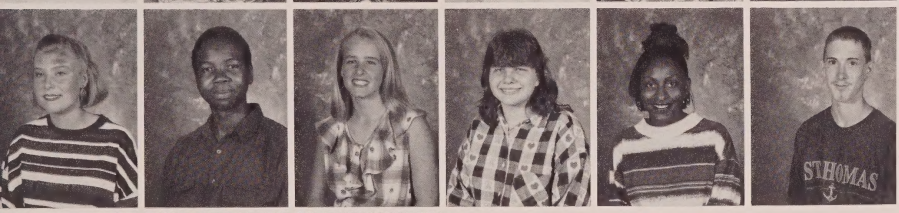

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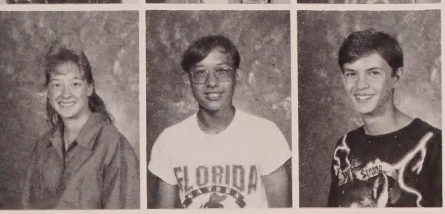
Jennifer Evans
Andrea Everitt
Angela Folmar



Jennifer Folmar
Louie Fromm
Chad Gainey

This year's sophomore class officers were pres.: Andrea Everitt, vice-pres.: Susan Rash, secretary: Madeline Rodriguez, and treas.: Walter Wilson.

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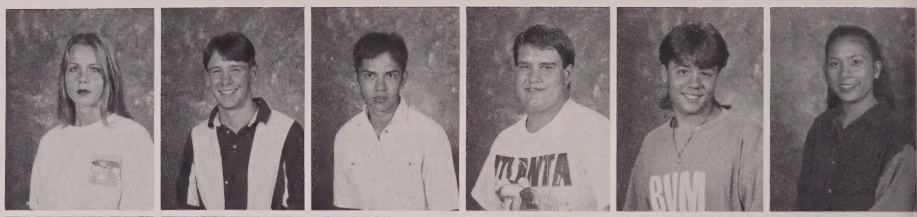
Joshua Griggs
Sam Guinn
Tray Hawkins
Jeremy Hoving
Celesica Howell



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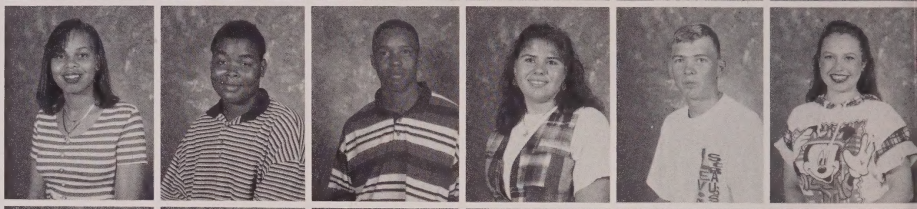

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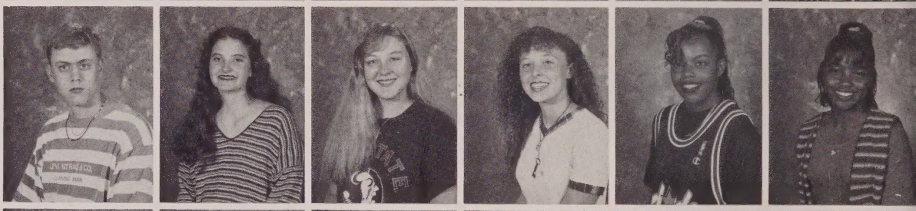

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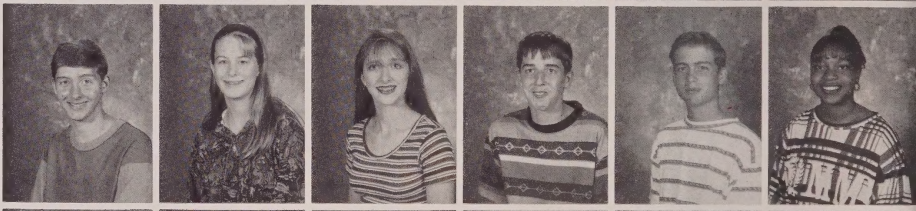

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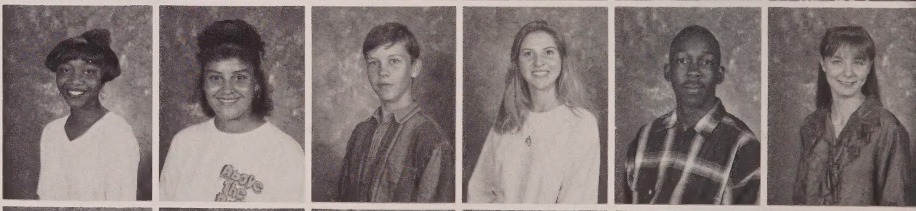
Misty Voeller



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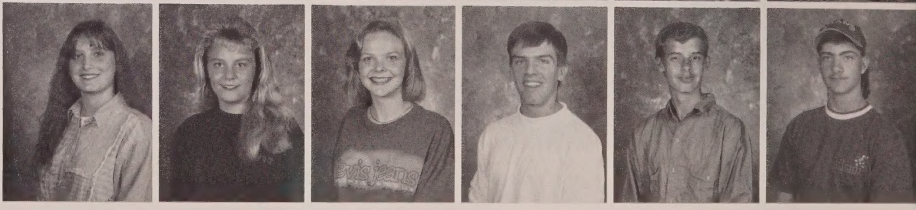

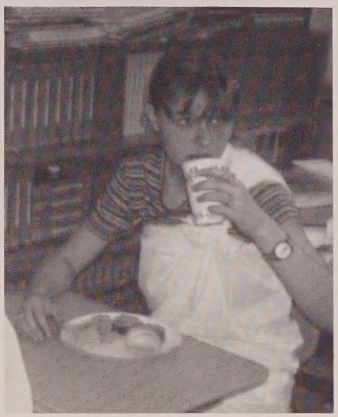

Above left: Dawn Bullivant appears to be enjoying the Feast of Lupercal. Above: Misty Voeller does too!

The sophomore class has had a lot of fun over the past year. Many of the them have made new friends that will last them a lifetime. They have finally gotten adjusted to high school life even if they don't like it very well.

As sophomores they have become very conscious of the world around them. Most of them seem to be interested in what their friends think of them. According to a survey, they like all kinds of music and all kinds of movies and television shows.

Homecoming was especially fun for this year's sophomore class. Their float won first place and they won a lot of this year's Silly Olympics events. They were in strong contention for winning the spirit stick and upsetting the seniors.

## BIG FISH IN A LITTLE POND

Leftt: Andrea Everitt and Angela Borrell are having fun during homecoming. Above: Mindy Cook and Alisha Walter are caught talking on camera!

Above: The sophomores' winning float. It won first place for the sophomore class during homecoming. The class worked very hard on their float and were proud of it.

Top: Rebecca Lovett and Andrea Everitt are very good friends. Above: Stacy Cody and Jennifer Folmar enjoy the Feast of Lupercal.

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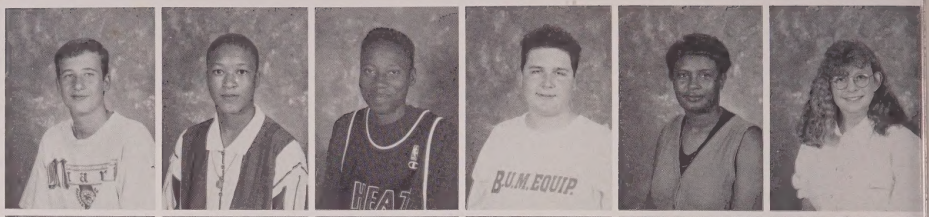
Kenny Anderson
Kenji Andrews
Dallas Anglin
Monique Bell
Laura Bird



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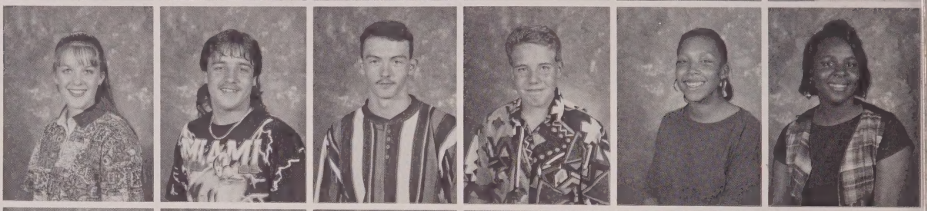
Shameka Brown
Quatika Brown



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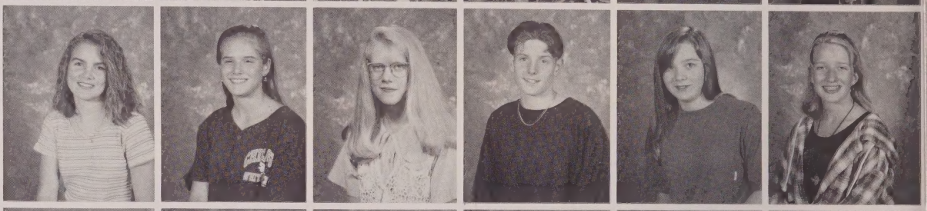

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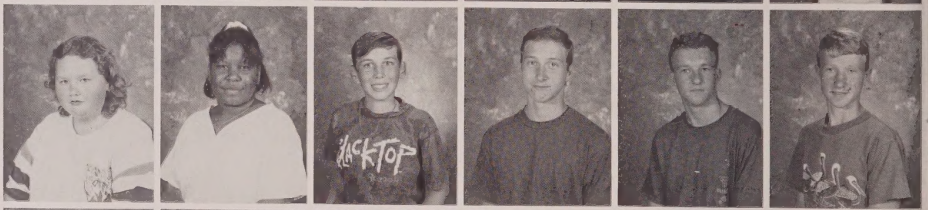

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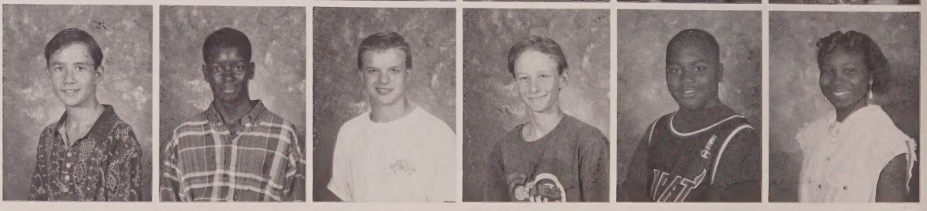


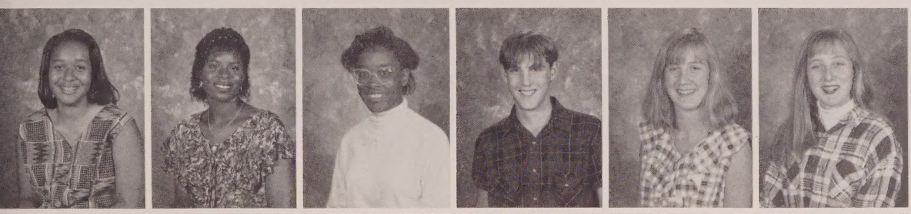
The freshmen chose Heather Worthington as class president and Melissa Tharpe as vice-president. Not pictured is Shane Hard, the class secretary/treasurer.

## GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS

This year's freshmen class have had a lot of fun becoming high schoolers. The freshmen have made a lot of friends that are older than they and they've found out that not everyone in high school is a snob.

The students had fun during their first official homecoming. It was an experience they will never forget. As freshmen they did very well participating in the events and collecting spirit points.

Now that these students have became freshmen they are more aware of the environment around them. They are now more concerned with drugs and what's hot. They have truly learned the meaning of T.G.I.F.!



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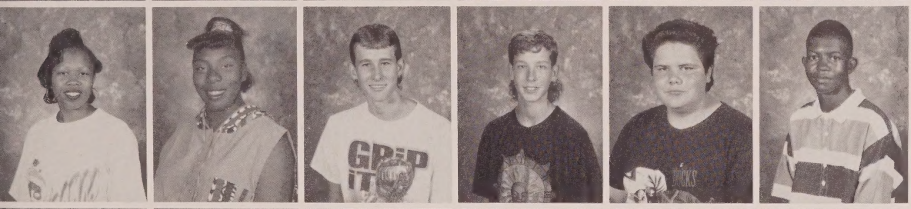

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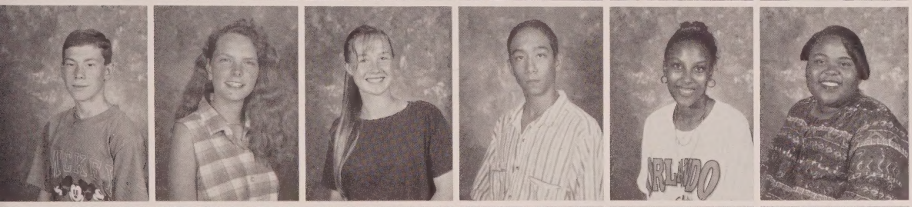

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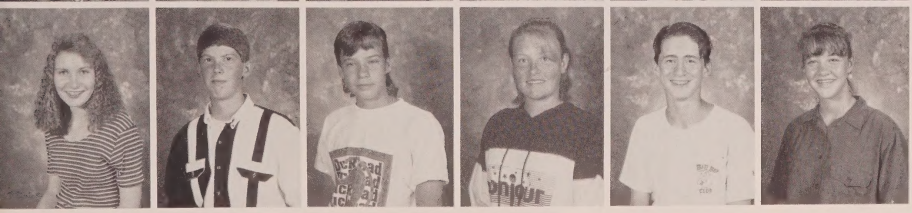

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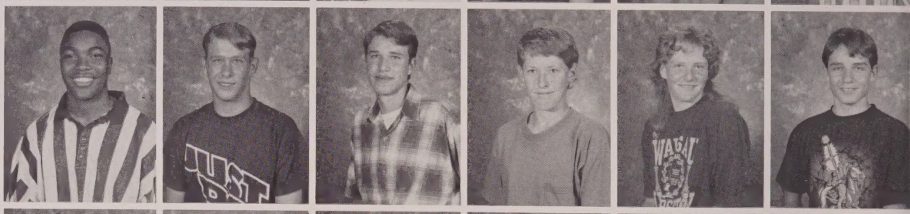

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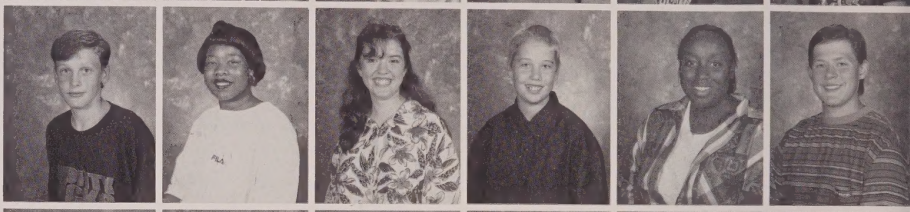

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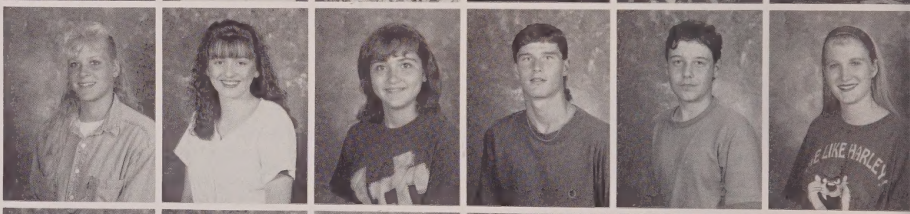

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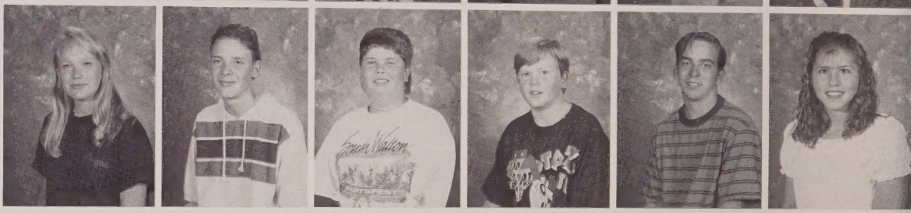
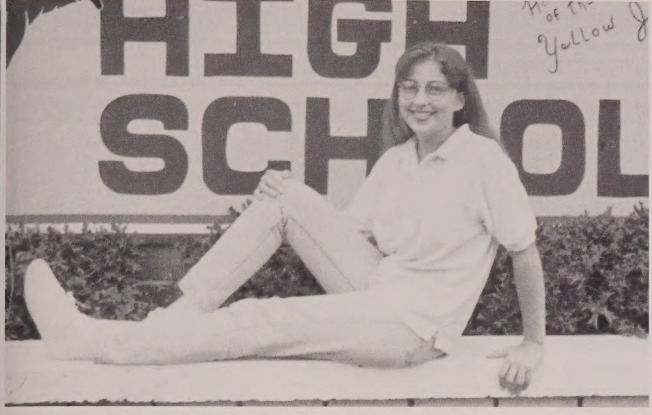


Misty and Mrs. Pittman are having fun working on the freshman Homecoming float. Did we catch you dancing Misty?

Make Raymond leave you alone Heather!

Freshmen show plenty of school spirit during the Homecoming parade.

# Freshman Class Favorites




One of this year's freshmen favorites was Kim Dozier. Kim is well liked by her peers and has a lot of fun with her friends.

Terry Post was this year's other freshman class favorite. He is also well liked by his peers.

# Cuties & Beauties

Kenny Anderson was chosen as freshman class cutie. He seems to be saying that he is the man. Is that so, girls?

Left: Kenny and Keiomi both represent their class very well. Kenny played B-team basketball and football. Keiomi is involved in cheerleading, basketball and FHA.
Bottom: Keiomi poses for a very pretty picture. Isn't that right guys?

*When it's all said and done, VHS has the best teachers!*

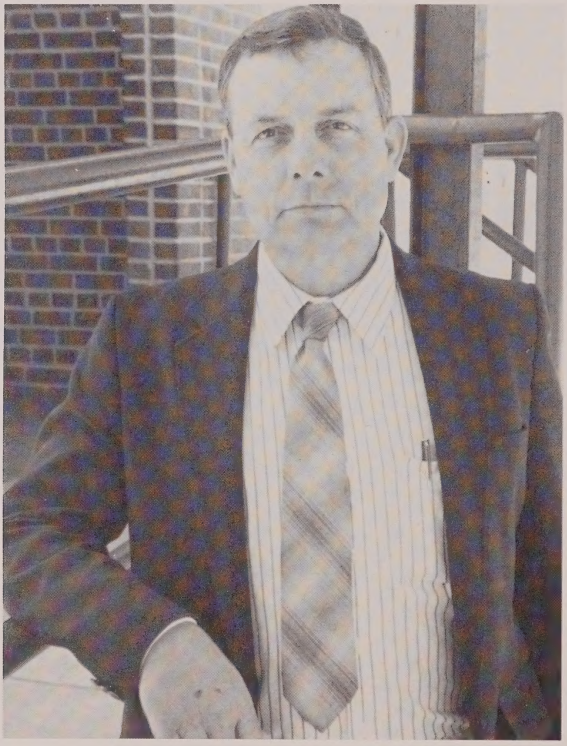
# ADMINISTRATION & FACULTY

The 1994-95 school term began with a few changes from the previous year. First of all, Mr. Howard Riley, who had been assistant principal for a number of years, became principal when Mrs. McCrary accepted a position at the county office. Mr. Robert Maldon, VMS science teacher, was then named assistant principal.

**The threat of teacher cutbacks caused students to question school board members & Superintendent Bill Williams at board meetings & workshops.**

Near the beginning of the second semester, the superintendent of schools announced that severe cutbacks would have to take place for the 1995-96 school term. Several teachers and aides were told they would be transferred to other schools in the fall. Students rallied behind the teachers at VMS and VHS, even asking questions and voicing concerns at the school board meetings, but apparently to no avail.

In spite of the pall on the horizon, the administration and faculty coped and made the most of being together in 1995.



Vernon High School Principal,
Mr. Howard Riley

Vernon High Vice-Principal,
Robert Maldon

Vernon High Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Willie Mae Cook

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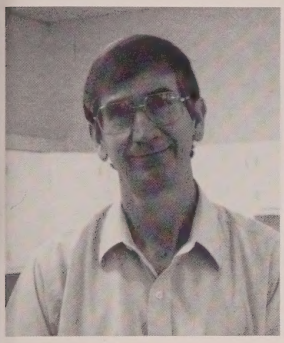

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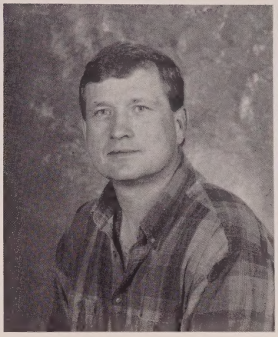
Mac Alford--P.E., Science



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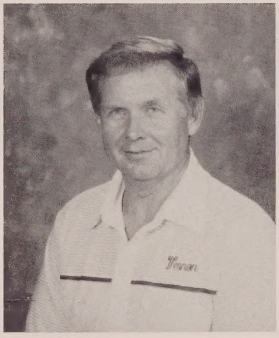
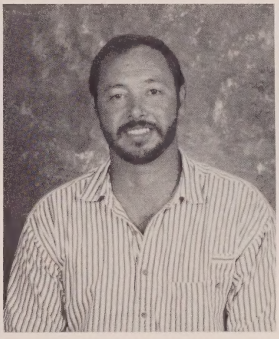
Gloria Brock--Aide



Michael Brock --Science



Charles Brown--Dropout Prev.

Sally Bush--English, Journalism

Sandra Cook--Math

Bobbie Dawson--Business

Donna Deal--English, Humanities

Joyce Dorch--Bookkkeeper

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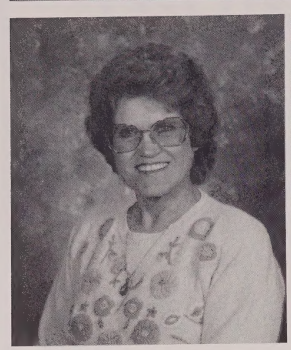
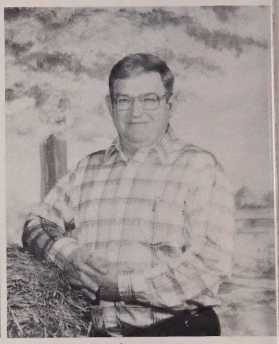


Norma Frost--Aide

Greg Kuneman--JROTC

Debbie Lloyd--Math, Computers



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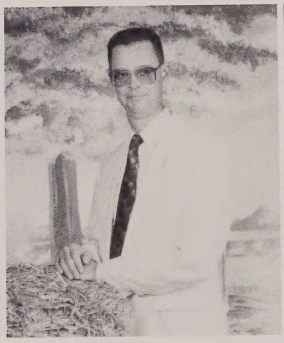

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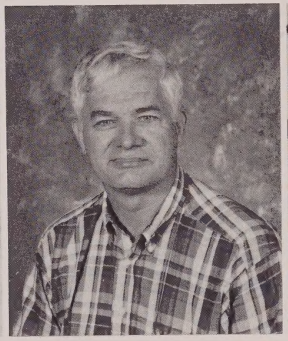

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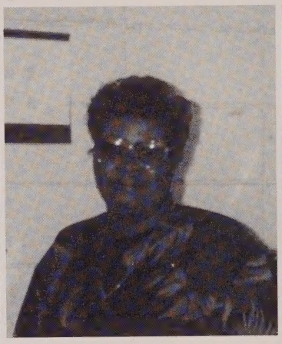

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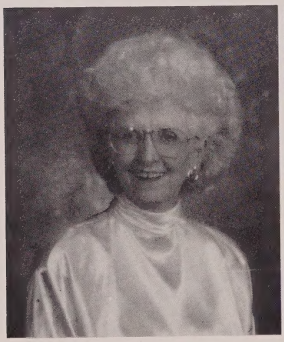
Kim Register--P.E., LMS



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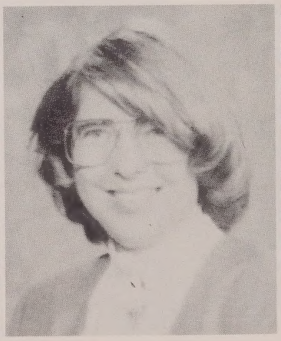

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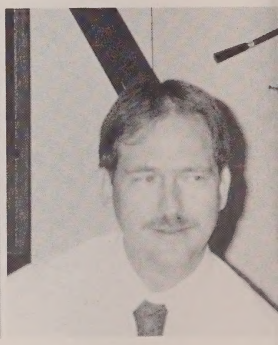

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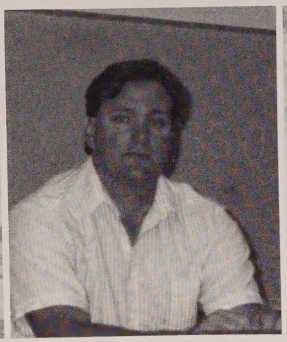
Sabra Shores--English, Journ.



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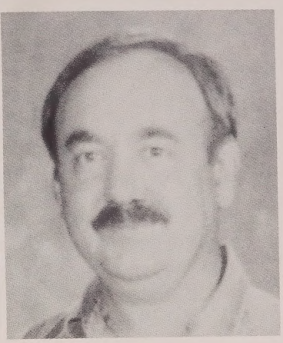
Tammy Smith--Math



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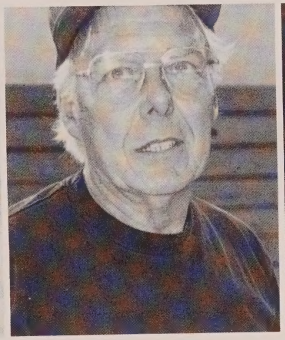
Judy Tison--Secretary



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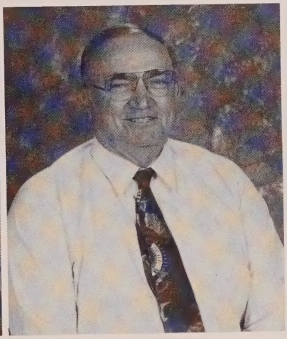
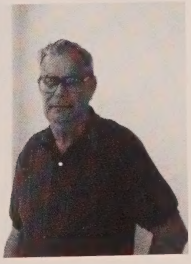


Jerry Tyre--History

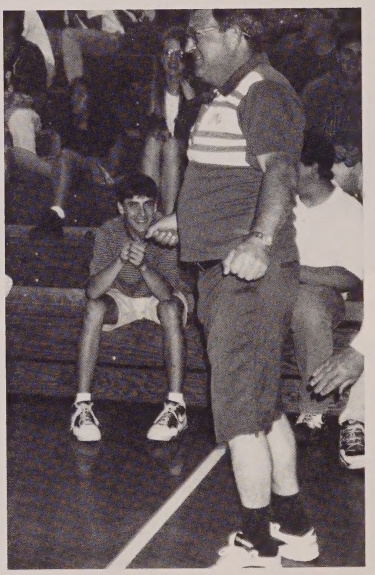
**SUPPORT STAFF: CAFETERIA WORKERS, BUS DRIVERS, AND CUSTODIAN**

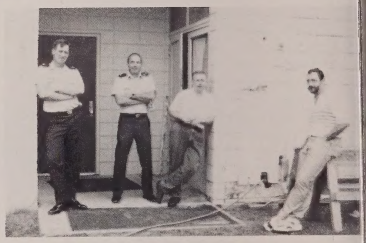


# VHS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

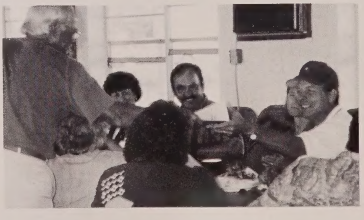
Congratulations go out to Mrs. Bobbie Dawson, business education teacher at Vernon High School, for being voted Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Dawson puts in a lot of overtime in her quest to be the very best teacher she can be, and her efforts have definitely been noticed! We appreciate you!

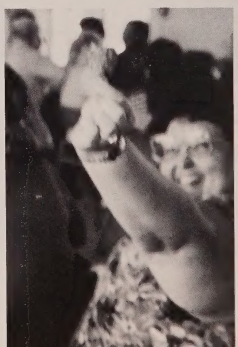
## *FUN WITH THE FACULTY*

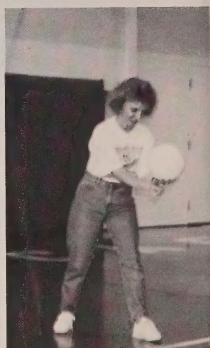




Clockwise from above: Mrs. Deal & Mrs. Pittman during Homecoming festivities; Check out Mr. P's volleyball garb!; You'd think these male teachers would have something better to do; Ami doesn't appear fazed by Coach Bonner's threat; Mrs. Shores was a riot during the student/teacher v-ball game; Ms. Lloyd holds up the smallest fish caught by the male teachers; Coach Todd presents Mr. Riley with an award at the end-of-the-year fish fry; Mr. Patterson & Mr. Tison frying up the fish; Mr. Tyre accepts an award and tells some fish stories.

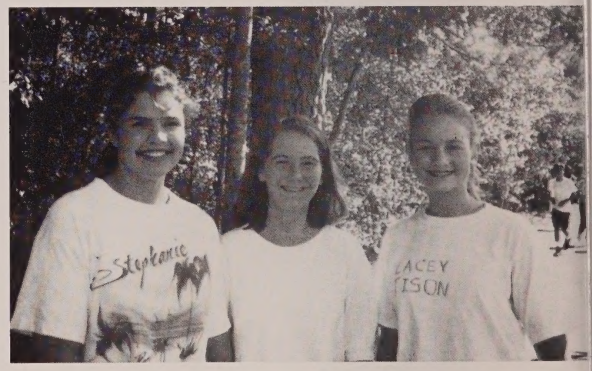






# MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Middle School Life



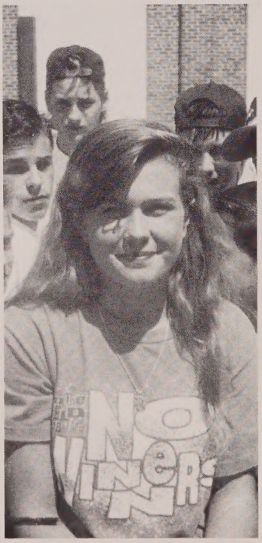

Above, top right: seventh grade best friends Kristen Lovett, Callie Coatney, Heather Manning, Tasha Best, and Chrissy Jefferies.

Center left: A group of friends hanging out after lunch.

Center right: A group of 8th graders in Mrs. Adams' homeroom.

At right: Tiffany Pettis sitting around at lunch.

Far right: Stephanie Walsingham, Kasie Sexton and Lacey Tison during gym.



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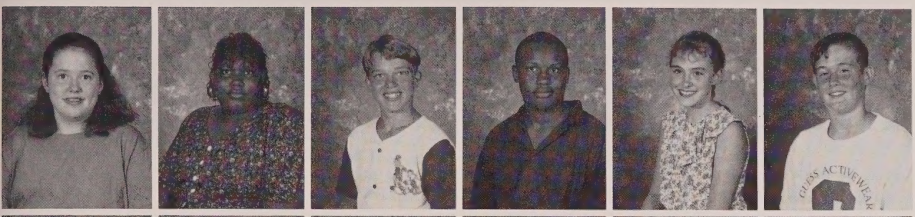
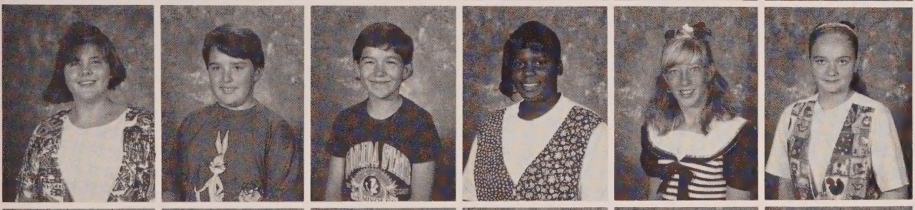
# SEVENTH GRADE



Martha Alford
Jackie Andrews
Victor Baker
Brandon Bell
Tasha Best
Christian Birge

Huey Boswell
Amy Boyce
William Boyett
Sharita Brasher
Jonah Brewer
Julian Brock

Jamaal Brown
Robert Brown
Valerie Brown
Thomas Broxton
Kristi Campbell
Tomika Campbell



Mary Carter
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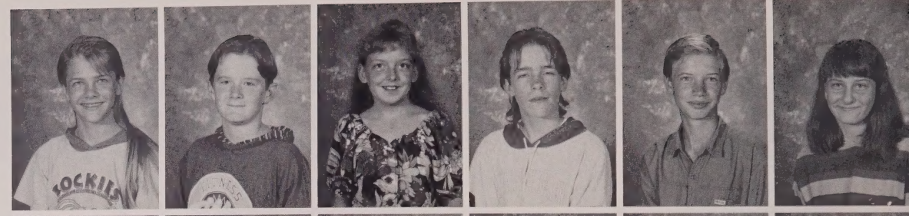
Kevin Cheverie
Aysha Coleman
Delisha Collins
Lori Creel

Jennifer Cureton
Glenn Davis
Jamie Davis
Marcus Davis
Dawna Douglas
Richard Dugger

Donavan Duty
Grace Ellis
Stacy Evans
Tommy Farmer
Dawn Finch
Mark Finch

Clinton Gainey
Randall Garner
Christy Gill
Jeremy Groves
David Hammock
Marla Harrell



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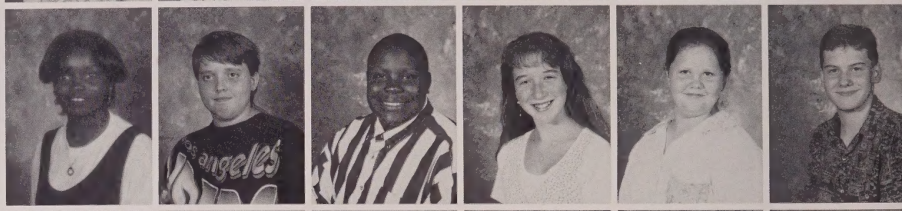
Alexander Jackson
Chrissy Jeffries
Anna Kirkland
C.C. Linton



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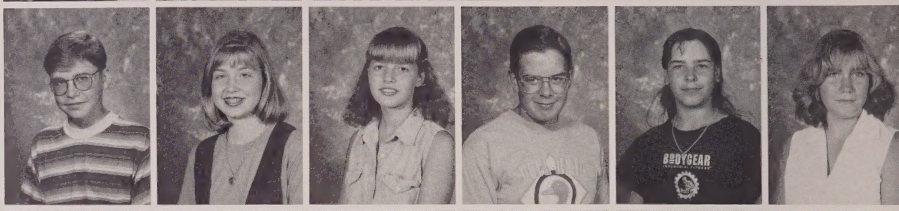
Jake Miller
William Moore
Regina Page



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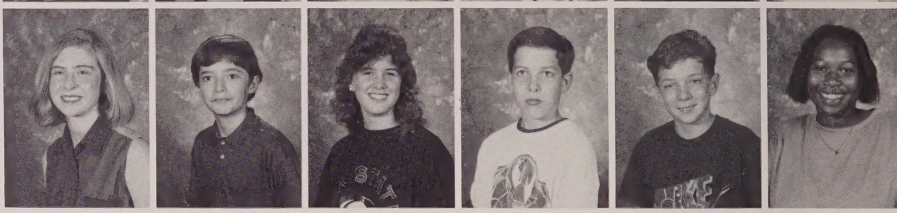
Sarah Pate
Adam Patterson
Brandon Paul
Larrisa Peterson



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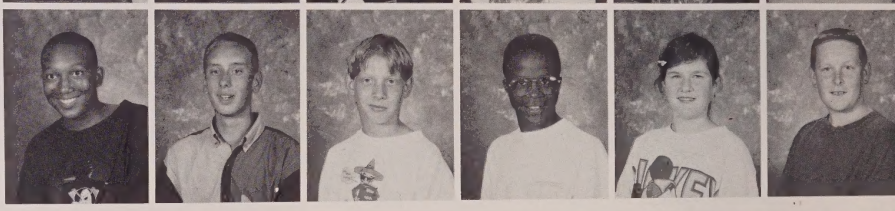
Rebecca Purvis
Chris Reinhart



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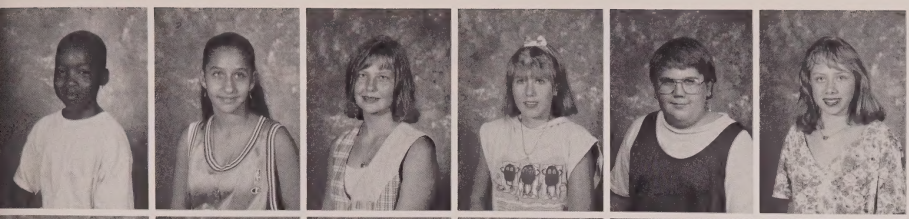

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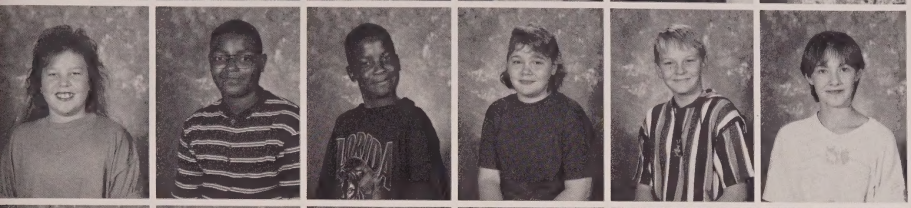
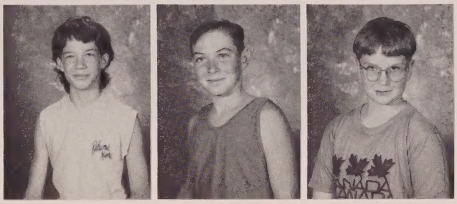
Daniel Sady
Teresa Shultz



Ashley Skinner
Brennis Smith
Jaron Steward
Jennifer Story
Jonathan Story
Virginia Strickland

Jason Suits
Kenny Terrell
Lisa Williams
Melissa Williams
Sondra Williams
John Williamson



Brandon Wise
James Worthing
Jonah Worthington

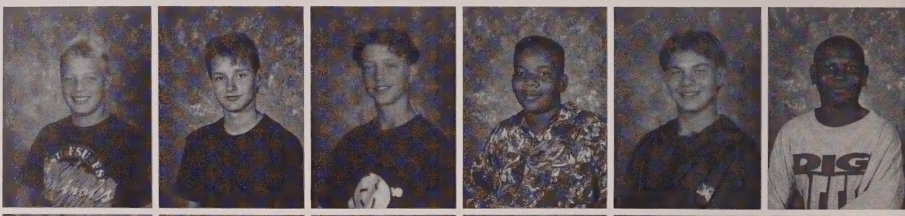
Above is the seventh grade class beauty, Jessica Rogers. At right are the class favorites, Emily Parish and Christian Birge.

# Seventh Grade Favorites and Beauty

# EIGHTH GRADE

The eighth graders gained a reputation as a wild bunch, although this group seems tame enough. Pictured are Jackie Paprzycki, Lacey Tison, Tiffany Pettis, Peter Courtney, Stephanie Walsingham, Brent Gainey, Sherina Howell, Lee Duke, Wayne Owens, Sharita Brasher, John Lively, Rachel Williams, Richard Day, and Travis Brock.

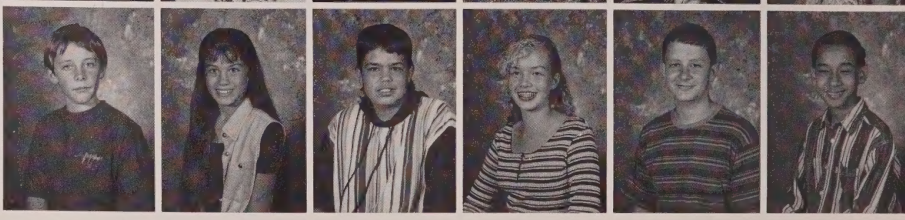
Bruce Anderson
Erick Anderson
Gary Anderson
Brandon Andrews
Sonny Barbee
Donnell Bell

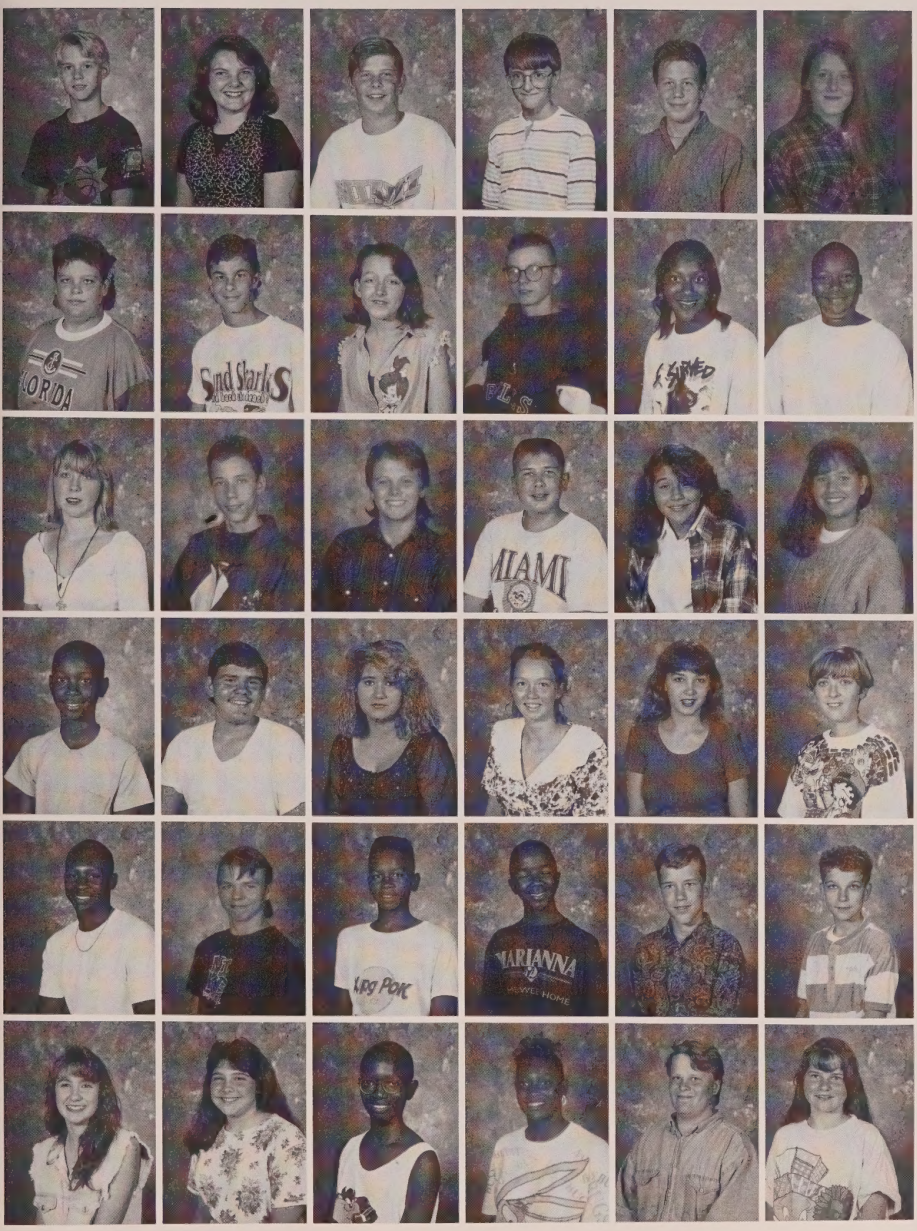


Amber Bennett
Lacie Borders
Lillie Bradley
Travis Brock
Alzado Brown
Elvis Brown

Frederick Brown
Matthew Brown
Jesse Buckley
Jessica Caldwell
Donaldson Campbell
Jackie Cargo

Shannon Causey
Rena Cobb
Jonathan Cook
Samantha Cook
Stephen Cotton
Peter Courtney






Richard Day
Danielle Delano
Lee Duke
Jesse English
Earl Evans
Cherice Eversole

Scott Flowers
Brent Gainey
Sabrina Gill
Brian Grant
Jocelyn Green
Justin Green

Brenda Hamilton
Brian Hamilton
Jamie Haskins
Michael Hightower
Pamela Howard
Sherina Howell

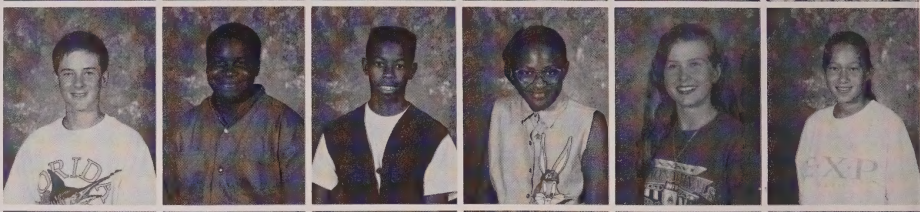
Arthur Hudson
Alex Jasso
Sharon Jenkins
Erica Johnson
Ashley Kirkland
Chrissy Lee

Devin Lee
John Lively
Jermaine Marks
Nicholis Marshall
Ronald Mills
Andrew Moore

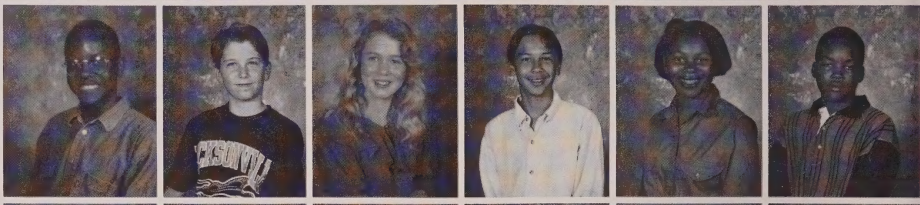
Carly Moore
Crystal Morris
Benjamin Nettles
Cassandra Nettles
Jeff Newsome
Lilly Newsome

Kim Owens
Steve Paffos
Ashley Page
Jackie Paprzycki
Shane Paul
Jason Payne

Jeremy Pelfrey
Grady Peterson
Roy Peterson
Waukesha Peterson
Tiffany Pettis
Taya Post



Timothy Potter
Lawrence Pyne
Amber Quattlebaum
Raywat Ray
Farrah Ridgeway
Rodney Robinson



Samuel Roche
Natasha Rodriguez
Daniel Rosser
Matthew Sciolino
Kasie Sexton
Konstance Sheffield

Latoya Sheffield
Sherena Siples
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Kozmas Smith

Ammie Strickland
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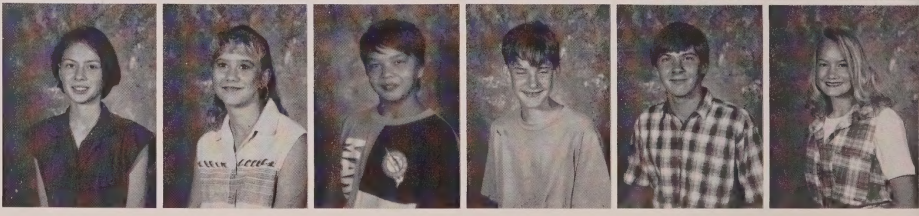
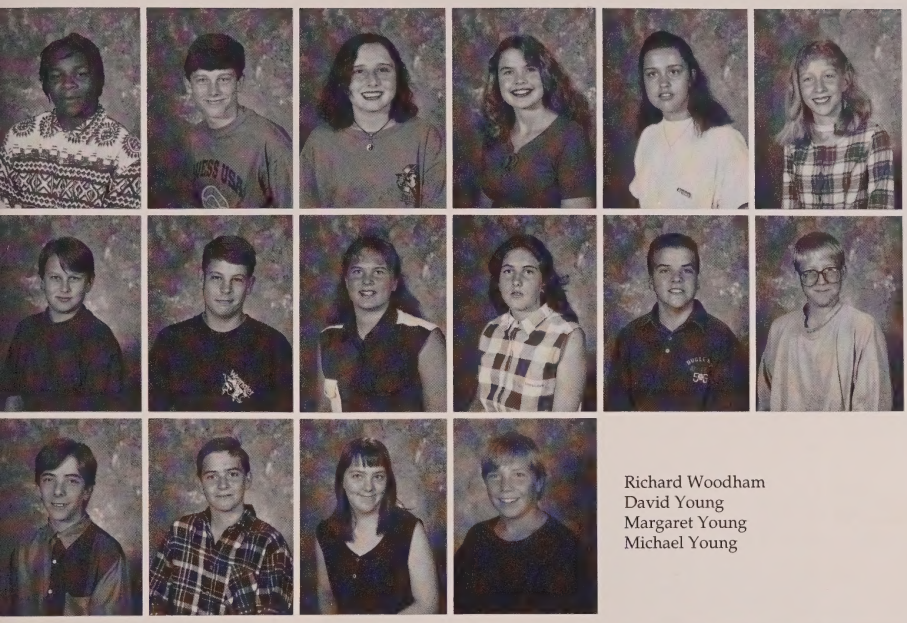
Keith Stoker
Cal Thompson
Lacey Tison





Tyrika Troublefield
Richard Vaught
Heather Vickers
Stephanie Walsingham
Suzanne Washington
Samantha Watkins

Shane Whitaker
Andy White
Rachel Williams
Surina Willis
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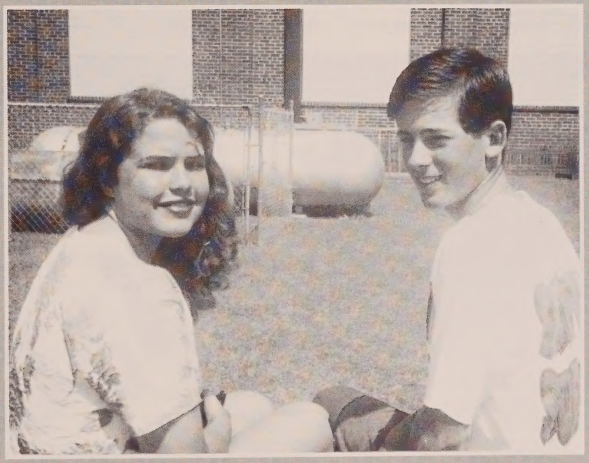
John Wood

Richard Woodham
David Young
Margaret Young
Michael Young

# *EIGHTH GRADE FAVORITES, BEAUTY & CUTIE*



The eighth graders voted on class favorites, beauty, and cutie in the fall of the year. At left are class favorites Lacey Tison and Raywat Ray. Above are the class beauty and cutie Stephanie Walsingham and Jeremy Pelfrey.

# VERNON MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY

Although sharing the same campus with the high school, Vernon Middle School functions as a separate entity. Meeting the special needs of middle school-aged students requires a certain mind set that the administration and faculty members of VMS certainly seem to possess.

In charge of guidance among a myriad of other office duties was Mrs. Rubye Forehand. Students always found her willing to listen to problems and concerns, no matter how trivial they may have seemed.

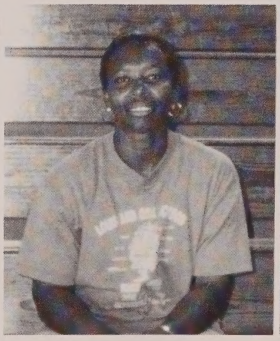
Taking care of business in the middle school office was secretary Mrs. Shirley Haviland, whose smile always welcomed students, teachers, and visitors alike.

Mrs. Rubye Forehand
VMS Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Shirley Haviland
VMS Secretary

Peggy Adams--Social Studies

Don Brown--P.E.



Priscilla Brown--P.E.

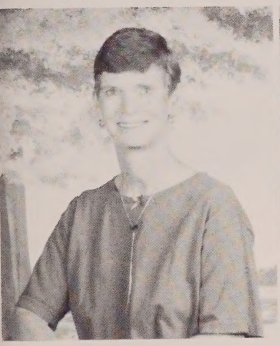
Mary Cholerton--English

Freida Cook--Math

Linda Faison--L.D.

Janice Graves--Math

Alice Register--Science

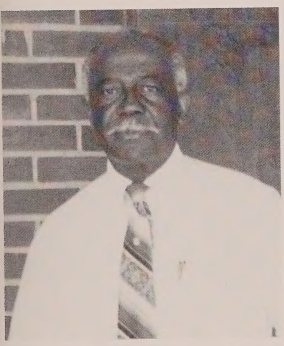


Angela Sexton--Science

Blond Siples--Aide

Pat Tharpe--E.S.E.

Linda Tyre--English



George Vann--Social Studies

# VMS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR: MRS. LINDA FAISON

**Mrs. Linda Faison, a VMS/VHS teacher for a number of years, was voted Vernon Middle School Teacher of the Year by her peers. She was then in the running for Washington County Teacher of the Year, which she won. There is truly not a more deserving faculty member for this honor.**

**Mrs. Faison was a senior sponsor this year, and taught both middle and high school students with specific learning disabilities.**

## Catching the VMS Faculty in Candid Moments

# VMS ORGANIZATIONS

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**EIGHTH GRADE MATH CLUB** Members are John Smith, Lee Duke, John Mark Willoughby, Sherena Siples, Crystal Page, Erica Johnson, Jackie Cargo, Kasie Sexton, Amber Quattlebaum, Carly Moore, Devin Lee, Surina Mills, Pamela Howard, Samantha Watkins, Chrissy Lee, Raywat Ray, Fred Brown, Elvis Brown, Kim Owens, Jackie Paprzycki, Samantha Cook, Sabrina Gill, Jesse English, and Kozmas Smith.

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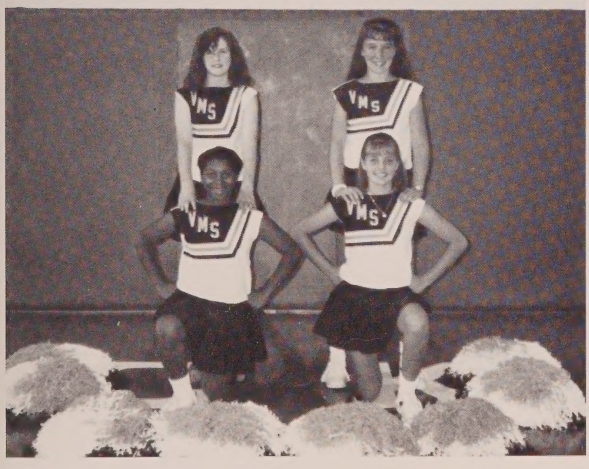
**VMS Student Council** Members are Raywat Ray, Kasie Sexton, Lacey Tison, Samantha Cook, Jessica Rogers, Sarah Pate, Heather Manning, Tasha Best, Emily Parish, Jackie Cargo, Marla Harrell, Elvis Brown, and Devin Lee.

# VMS CHEERLEADERS

The VMS cheerleader squad is composed of Lily Newsome, Rebecca Purvis, Amber Bennett, Jackie Cargo, Kristen Lovett, Sherina Howell, Chrissy Jeffries, Heather Manning, and Farrah Ridgeway.



At left, four of the VMS cheerleaders pose for a snapshot: Rebecca Purvis, Chrissy Jeffries, Farrah Ridgeway, Heather Manning. Above, the cheerleaders during the Homecoming parade.

# VMS FOOTBALL TEAM

The VMS football team members are (from front to back) Brennis Smith, Elvis Brown, Dustin Castells, Christon Birge, Alex Jackson, Victor Baker, Stacy Evans, Johnathan Willoughby, Caleb Lovett, Kenny Terrell, Robert Brown, Richard Day, Jeremy Pelfrey, Lee Duke, Raywat Ray, Alex Jasso, Brian Hamilton, Travis Brock, Matt Sciolino.

# VMS SOFTBALL

Members of the Vernon Middle School softball team are Farrah Ridgeway, Jennifer Rodriguez, Donavan Duty, Ashley Kirkland, Jocelyn Green, Chrissy Lee, Emily Parish, Tiffany Pettis, Marla Harrell, Kristen Lovett.

# VMS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

The Vernon Middle School girls' basketball team consists of Waukesha Peterson, Natasha Rodriguez, Marla Harrell, Jennifer Rodriguez, and Samantha Watkins.

# VMS 8TH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Members of the eighth grade boys' baskeball team are (from front to back) Kozmas Smith, Devin Lee, Alzado Brown, Elvis Brown, John Smith, Roy Peterson, Freddie Brown, Richard Day, Jeremy Pelfrey, Brian Hamilton, Raywat Ray, Alex Jasso, and Matt Sciolino.

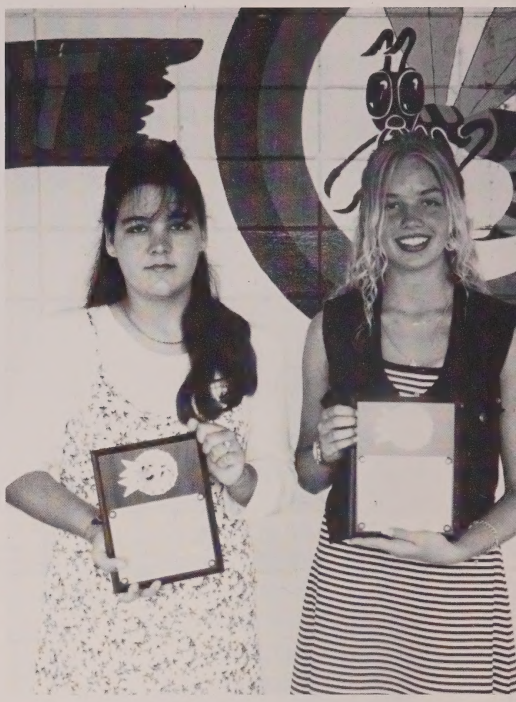
# SEVENTH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Members of the seventh grade boys' basketball team are (from front to back) Dustin Castells, Brandon Paul, Alex Jackson, Clint Gainey, unidentified cowboy, O'Brien Robinson, Robert Brown, Brent Potter, Jamaal Brown, Terron Peterson, J.D., Caleb Lovett, Christon Birge, Brennis Smith, Kenneth Terrell.

# VERNON MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION

The Vernon Middle School eighth grade graduation ceremony took place in the gymnasium on May 30, 1995. Many parents were in attendance for the morning ceremony.

Numerous awards were presented to the students, including certificates to those who participated in the various math tournaments. Each homeroom gave academic awards to students. Two students--Ashley Page and Samantha Cook--shared the Tyler Chesnut Memorial Award, and Ashley Kirkland was the recipient of the VMS Life Skills Award.



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Top right, Ashley Page and Samantha Cook with their plaques they received for being named the Tyler Chesnut Memorial Award winners.

Above, Ashley Kirkland smiles while showing off the plaque proclaiming her the Life Skills Award winner.

Peter Courtney addresses the audience during the ceremony.

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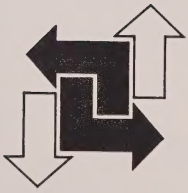

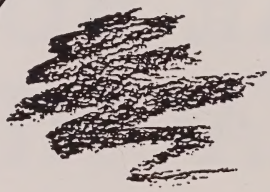

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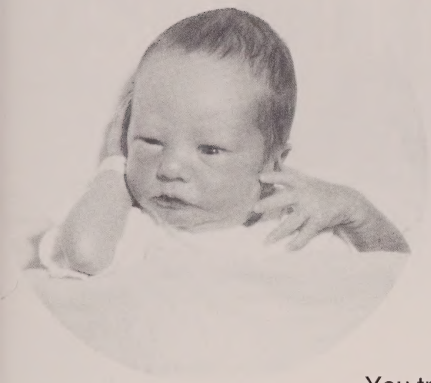

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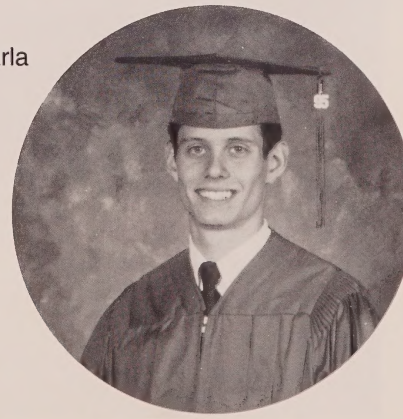
Grit, determination, honesty, maturity and pride,
Will keep making us so proud
And always at your side.
Keep your head on straight;
Do what you know is right,
Asking the Heavenly Father
For His guidance both day and night.
Strive to be all that you can be.
May His rich blessings continue to be bestowed on thee.
We will always be here for you,
There is never a doubt;
Just keep on calling,
In case we are out!

Love, Mama, Daddy, and Marla



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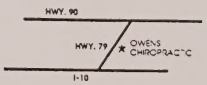


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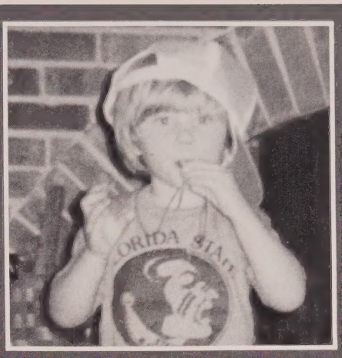

Congratulations, Herrika, on this special occasion. It has been a blessing to see you grow up and become the young lady you are. May you always let Jesus be your guide and lean not to your own understanding. I know the Lord has a special calling on your life.

Always give it 100% Sissy!

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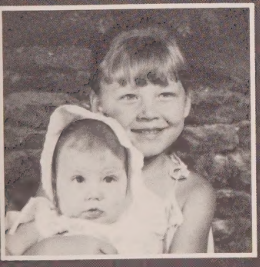

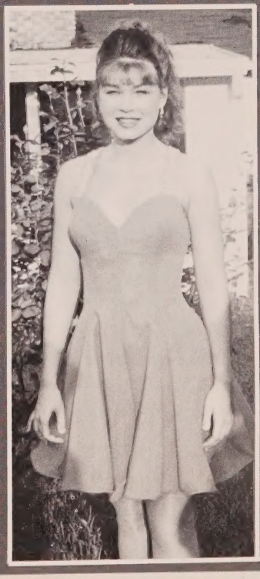

Sharnika,

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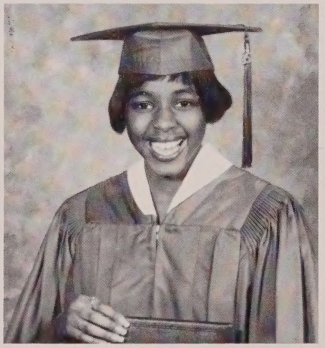

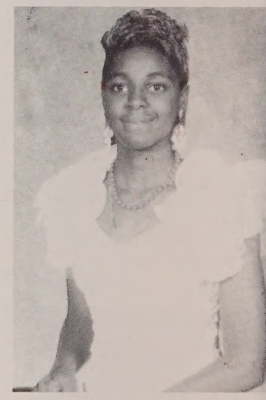

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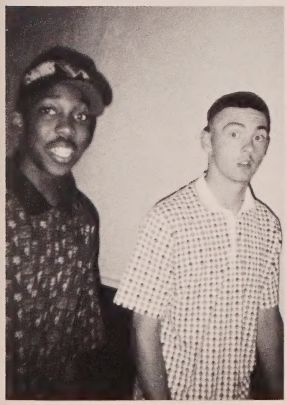

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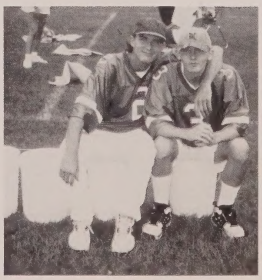

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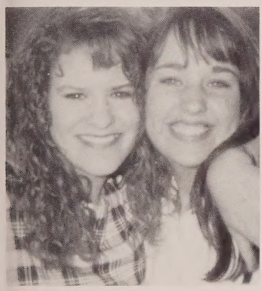

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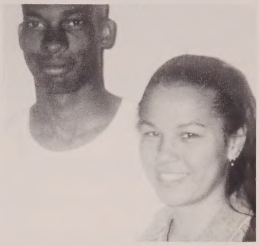

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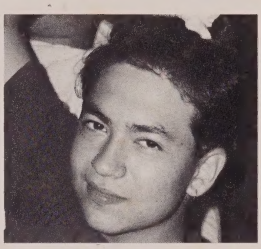

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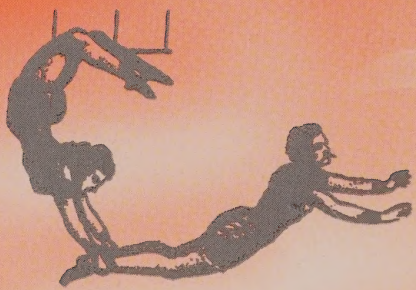
# ALL said AND DONE

*When it's all said and done, Vernon is the best place in the world to go to school. Small town life may have its drawbacks--people seem to know everything there is to know about you--but it also has some truly great qualities, including the fact that people seem to know everything there is to know about you! We are unique in that VMS/VHS is a melting pot, combining students from Vernon, Wausau, Sunny Hills, Caryville, Ebro, New Hope, Hinson's Crossroads, Bonnet Pond and all points in between, to form a really terrific mixture. It doesn't get any better than this!*

Above, Waylon Wells and Steve Walters seriously consider all the good qualities of VHS. Left, Ashley Kirkland and Amber Bennett know they have it good at VMS.

*Well, y'all . . . that's it. It's all been said. From the 1994-95 Journalism Staff, we say adios, au revoir, auf Wiedersehen, GOOD-BYE!*

Amanda and Kattie say "nanny, nanny boo-boo."

Shasta waves goodbye to the 1994-95 school year.

Chris looks forlorn that his junior year is over.